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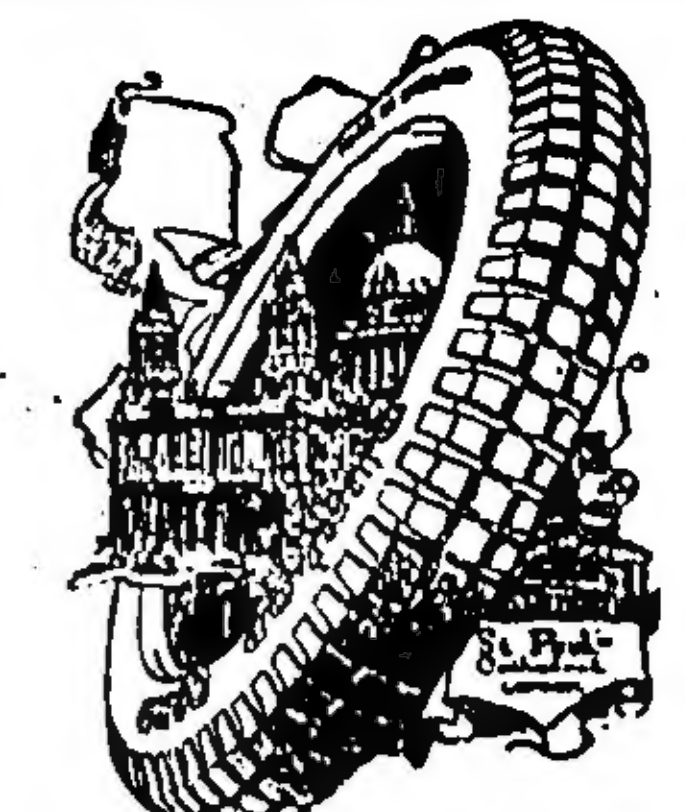
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SOME SELECTIONS FOR THE RACES.

Apollo's Big Task in Aggregate Stakes.
OUTSIDERS MAY WIN.

[By "Wombat"]
Providing we have no more rain there is a chance that the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will decide on conducting the third extra race meeting at Happy Valley this afternoon. The track, which has been narrowed by half for repair purposes, is in a fairly good condition, considering the amount of rain which has fallen of late.

As usually happens when rainy weather is experienced form may be upset, especially with the top weights of the handicap classes.

Therefore, backers should not take too much liberty with the light weights in these particular events.

The runners in the Second Aggregate Stakes this afternoon will be equal if not better than anything which has accepted for this race in previous years, and a couple of the very best candidates are Apollo and Sitting Bull. The former, who has the distinction of being the fastest pony in training on our local course, is reported to be at his very best, having had a couple of nice winning gallops of late. Sitting Bull will be making his first effort in this race. He may be accompanied to the post by Glencagles, who is a fast galloping stable mate, and although Sitting Bull may not have a lot of pace he can certainly stay the distance which should at least assure him of a place.

SELECTIONS.

- 1st Race:—
Redskins.
Vamoose.
Acacia Leaf.
- 2nd Race:—
Vasyloch.
Boxing Eve.
Jill.
- 3rd Race:—
Fritillery.
Armory.
Mount Elburz.
- 4th Race:—
Apollo.
Sitting Bull.
Gay Crusader.
- 5th Race:—
Glencagles.
Hetman.
- 6th Race:—
Noukhail.
Groombridge.
Happy Choice.
- 7th Race:—
Wonderful Stag.
Daylight Eve.
Fortune Bay.
- 8th Race:—
Daylight Eve.
Christmas Frolic.
Lobster Bay.
- 9th Race:—
Britannic Hall.
Tango.
The Pheasant.
- 10th Race:—
Mike.
Cyclamen Bay.
Valorous.
- 11th Race:—
Evening Star.
Fritz.
Thunderclap.

BANKRUPTCY LAW.

NEW BILL OPERATIVE FROM JANUARY 1.

In the Government Gazette is published the draft of a Bill relating to bankruptcy.

The object is to repeal the existing Ordinance of 1891 which is out of date and to replace it by an Ordinance based on the Bankruptcy Act, 1914, but adapted to local conditions. Its commencement is postponed until January 1, 1932, so as to give time for the preparation of the rules which are to be made thereunder.

The principal differences between the Bill and the statute law now in force in Britain are shown in the table of correspondence. That table also shows the principal differences between the Bill and the present Bankruptcy Ordinance.

AFRICAN CHIEFS TO VISIT BRITAIN.

Evidence on Closer Union in East Africa.
TOUR OF SIGHT-SEEING.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A joint select committee which is considering the question of closer union in East Africa is shortly to take evidence from native witnesses selected to represent the various tribes and sections of opinion in Kenya, Uganda and the Mandated Territory of Tanganyika. The native Government of Buganda has also sent a witness.

The witnesses, who represent more than 10,000,000 natives in East Africa and are for the most part Chiefs or members of Native Councils, arrive in Britain on April 22 and will stay about three weeks.

During their stay they will fulfil an extensive programme, including visits to the London Docks, Croydon Airport, Schools of Forestry and Agriculture at Oxford, besides sightseeing and a number of social engagements.

A section of the party will go to Lancashire to study the cotton industry.

It is hoped that as well as facilitating the work of the committee the visit will prove of instructional value to the natives.—British Wireless Service.

EDUCATIONAL ZEAL OF CHINA.

Desire for Interchange of Professors.
SCHEME APPROVED.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Chinese Government has sent a letter to the League of Nations suggesting that arrangements should be made for an exchange of scientists and professors between the Universities of China and other countries, particularly European countries.

The letter says that professors of English literature, geography, and geology would be especially welcome at the Central University of Nanking.

The letter has been referred to the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, the Executive Committee of which has decided to express a very favourable opinion in regard to the proposal.—Reuter.

MOSLEY PARTY.

TO SUPPORT CANDIDATE FOR BY-ELECTION.
OTHERS PENDING.

Rugby, Yesterday.
"A writ has been issued for the by-election at Ashton-under-Lyme, Lancashire, which will have a special interest as the new Party organised by Sir Oswald Mosley have announced their intention of putting up a candidate for the first time.

Three other by-elections are already pending and another at Scarborough will follow the resignation, for reasons of health, of the Conservative member, Captain Herbert, reported to-day.—British Wireless Service.

KING OF SIAM.

SUFFERING FROM CHEST TROUBLE.
QUEEN ACTS AS DEPUTY.

Vancouver, Yesterday.
The King of Siam arrived here to-day. He is indisposed with bronchial trouble and remained aboard until the departure of the train for New York. The Queen deputised for her husband at the civic reception.—Reuter.

NAVAL AGREEMENT DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETS IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Drafting Committee in connection with the Italian and French Naval Agreement met to-day in London and after a long sitting adjourned till Monday.—British Wireless Service.

INTER-IMPERIAL TRADE.

British Delegation to Visit Canada.
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Federation of British Industries trade mission to Canada—the first Mission of its kind to be dispatched by a representative body of British industry—is leaving London to-morrow, consisting of Sir James Lithgow, Sir Arthur Duckham and Mr. Moir Mackenzie. Its object is to stimulate inter-imperial trade by a study of conditions and exchange of views with leading Canadian business men.—British Wireless Service.

HONOUR FOR HOME ASTRONOMER.

To Be Presented with Franklin Medal.
PHYSICAL RESEARCH.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Head British Astronomer is leaving Britain to-morrow for the United States, where next month he will be presented with the Franklin Medal for research in Physical Science—one of the highest honours open to scientists in the world.—British Wireless Service.

MISSIONARY TAKEN BY BANDITS.

Ransom to be Paid by Week-End.
HOPE OF RESCUE.

Peking, Yesterday.
Mrs. A. G. Lindholm has telegraphed from Kalgan saying that bandits captured her husband near Paotouchen yesterday afternoon and are demanding the payment of \$2,500 before Saturday.

Mr. A. G. Lindholm belongs to the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America, and the American Legation has telegraphed to the Chairman of the Saiyuan province to do everything possible to effect a rescue.

It is thought possible that the Legation may send someone to assist in the rescue as was done in the case of Mr. Hayward and another missionary in November last.—Reuter.

GIFT TO GLASGOW.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON GIVES £10,000 TO POOR.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Thomas Lipton has given another £10,000 to the poor of Glasgow in memory of his mother.—British Wireless Service.

TRIBUTE BY KING.

LORD IRWIN THANKED FOR HIS SERVICES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
H.M. the King has sent a telegram to Lord Irwin on his 50th birthday expressing high appreciation of the retiring Viceroy's great services.—British Wireless Service.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. William Brownlow Ashmoore to act as Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, with effect from April 11, and to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council during his tenure of office as Acting Director.

With reference to Government Notification of March 26, His Excellency the Governor has made the following additional appointment to the Committee: appointed to advise him regarding applications under the Companies Ordinance, 1911, (as amended) by the Companies Ordinance, 1930, for authority to act as auditors in respect of Companies, other than China Companies, registered under the principal Ordinance, which keep their accounts in English.—Mr. J. Hennessey Seth.

ALFONSO'S PLANS.

"I WISH TO EFFACE MYSELF."
NEW TITLE.

UNCERTAIN WHERE TO LIVE.

London, Yesterday.
It was announced to-day in Paris and Madrid respectively that France and Chile have recognised the new Spanish Government.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.
Amid cries of "Long Live the King" from a crowd of monarchist sympathisers, King Alfonso's third son, the Infante Juan, left for Naples aboard the Italian liner Roma.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Duke of Miranda, in a statement to the Press, said that King Alfonso, who has adopted the incognito title of Duke of Toledo, wished to efface himself and his plans. He was uncertain and did not know whether to reside in England or the South of France.

Barcelona, Yesterday.
Labour and Republicans are at loggerheads over the former's choice of a new Civil Governor.

RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—
The anti-cyclone is central over the north-west of Korea. A depression still prevails over Tonking.

Local forecast:—East winds; moderate; overcast; rain.

The National Confederation of Labour opposes the Government nominee. Noisy mobs through the streets and released all prisoners. Business is at a standstill.

FINANCIAL POLICY.

Madrid, Later.
Republicans' financial policy is out in a nutshell by the Finance Minister, Senor Prieto, as follows:—Firstly, that all loan operations transacted during the dictatorship will be respected; secondly, that the Bank of Spain is supporting the Republican policy; thirdly, that the Government is satisfied that the stability of the peseta should be maintained by ordinary means, and they do not intend to squander millions of pesetas by an artificial bolstering of the exchange.

Ten per cent. withdrawals from current accounts will temporarily be paid in silver to avert a possible shortage of notes. Senor Prieto predicted that within a few days everything will be stabilised and everybody will imagine that the new regime has been in existence for 20 years!

REPUBLICAN SPLIT?

Madrid, Yesterday.
The Government's anxiety to avoid embarrassment by "a Republic within a Republic" is implied in the hasty despatch of two Ministers by air to Barcelona, to persuade Catalonians to modify their alarming separatist determinations. Hitherto evinced by their own flag and national anthem and the appointment of a "Minister Plenipotentiary" in Madrid.

Catalonians are unresponsive to this overture, and emphasise their reluctance to sacrifice their opportunity as they did during the short lived Republic of 1872, when Catalonians agreed to await the appointment of a constituent assembly. The latter never met, because the Monarchy was restored.—Reuter.

Earlier News.
Madrid, Yesterday.
"The last felony of a great felon" is how the newspaper Socialista describes Alfonso's manifesto, whose publication has been greeted with much amazement and indignation.

Political prisoners are now being released from the jails of

PRINCE BIBESCO'S PLANE CRASHES.

Machine Guttled After Tank Explosion.
OCCUPANTS IN HOSPITAL.

Allahabad, Yesterday.
Prince Bibesco's plane made a forced landing and ran into a ditch. The petrol tank exploded and the machine burst into flames and was burnt out. The injured airmen were taken to a hospital in Benares.—Reuter.

Early Cables.
Bombay, Yesterday.
Prince George Bibesco, who is engaged, with several companions, on a flight from Paris to Saigon, has crashed between Gaya and Allahabad.

MERCANTILE PLANS OF SOVIET.

Order for Construction of Large Fleet.
TONNAGE OF 170,000.

Riga, Yesterday.
The Soviet has decided to undertake the immediate construction of a big mercantile fleet, and the Council of Labour has instructed the Supreme Economic Council to guarantee the construction of 44 ships with a total tonnage of 170,000, as well as four oil tankers and a number of smaller craft, to be completed before the end of 1931.

Plans for 1932 include the construction of shipbuilding yards, floating docks, etc.—Reuter.

LINKING THE EMPIRE.

'Phone Service Ready for Australia.
FUTURE EXTENSIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Postmaster General announces that the British and Australian telephone service is now available to all parts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

OUR CURRENCY.

OBVIOUS PROCEDURE TO TAKE.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding the Hong Kong Currency Commission desire it to be known that they are, of course, prepared to consider signed communications from persons preferring to submit their views in this form.

Such communications will be treated as strictly confidential.

Madrid, 130 being let out on Wednesday and 190 yesterday.

Wearing red brassards, the new "Republican Civic Guard" are on duty, having sworn to observe a strict code whereby they are ready to "watch over the order and welfare of the Spanish Republic, and if necessary die for it... never to have recourse to violence under any circumstances against peaceful manifestations of the citizens."

How the revolution will affect the balance of power in Europe is indicated by the Foreign Minister.

Interviewed regarding the supposed secret Italo-Spanish treaty, he said he had informed France that in the event of a Franco-Italian conflict, France could always count on Spain's loyalty.

The Broom at Work.
The Provisional Republican Cabinet has decided to issue a decree giving each State Department until May 31 to make a detailed revision of the work of the Dictatorship, and devise measures in substitution for those introduced by the Dictatorship; and has also decided to dissolve the permanent section of the Senate, as such Senators are not elected but

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NO PROTECTION FOR U.S. CITIZENS.

Inland Forces Not to be Sent to Nicaragua.
"THEIR OWN RISK."

Washington, Yesterday.
On the ground that such a policy "would lead to difficulties and commitments which the United States Government does not propose to undertake," the Secretary of State, Mr. H. L. Stimson, through the American Legation at Nicaragua, has notified American citizens there that the United States Government refuses to undertake their general protection, and has advised all Americans who feel insecure under the protection of the Nicaraguan Government to withdraw from Nicaragua or at least to constant towns where they could be protected or evacuated if necessary. Those remaining do so at their own risk, and must not expect the United Forces to be sent inland to aid them.—Reuter's American Service.

"LIVE WIRE" FORMS NEW MINISTRY.

Roumania Wants a "Broad-Based" Regime.
KING PLAYS ACTIVE PART.

Bucharest, Yesterday.
The determination to secure a broad based National Government, in which the King has played a very active part in the formation of a new Cabinet, has brought home a "live wire" in the person of M. Titulescu, Roumanian Minister in London, who has formed a Ministry with M. Ghika, ex-Minister in Rome, as Foreign Minister. The ex-Premier, M. Maniu, Leader of the Peasants' Party, has promised his support.—Reuter.

NEW DUTCH HARBOUR.

Inaugurated by Queen of Holland.
FLUSHING INNOVATION.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.
The Queen of Holland, accompanied by Princess Juliana and Prince Henry, inaugurated the new harbour at Flushing.—Reuter.

EMPIRE TRADE.

ORGANISATION OF THE MARKETING BOARD.
COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In accordance with the decisions of the last Imperial Conference, the Government has approved of a committee to consider the organisation of the Empire Marketing Board, consisting of representatives of all parties. Mr. William Lunn, Under-Secretary for the Dominions will be Chairman.—British Wireless Service.

PRIMATE IN JERICHO.

VISIT TO REPUTED SITE OF EPIPHANY.
HEALTH CRUISE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been on a health cruise in the Mediterranean with his friend, Mr. Pierpont Morgan, arrived in Jerusalem on Wednesday and to-day visited ancient Jericho and the reputed site of the Epiphany on the Jordan.—British Wireless Service.

KENNEDY TOWN BATHING BEACH.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that this beach will be open for the use of the general public from Friday, May 1 inclusive.

A fee of 5 cents per person will be charged.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN AUSTRALIA.

Death Knell to Inflation Programme.
DISSOLUTION LIKELY.

Canberra, Yesterday.
The death knell to the Government's inflation programme has been sounded, and a new political crisis has arisen through the Senate's rejection to-day, by 21 to 6 votes, of the Government's Fiduciary Notes Bill (for expansion of the currency by £18,000,000).

The dissolution of both Houses is likely to follow within three months, as the Bill is being immediately sent back to the Senate, and Mr. Scullin recently announced that if it were rejected twice within the statutory three months, he would seek a double dissolution.

As a result of this defeat, the Government has dropped the Wheat Bill (for £5,000,000 loans to wheat growers) which depends for its finance on the Fiduciary Notes Bill.

Mr. Latham has resigned the leadership of the Opposition in order to allow the former Acting Treasurer Mr. Lyons (who is leading the united movement to get "back to a sane Government") to lead the united opposition party.

The resignation followed a disclosure that Mr. Theodore had challenged the right of the Commonwealth Bank to cut off money supplies to the Government. This convinced Mr. Latham that the national situation was desperate, necessitating Opposition unity at any cost. Mr. Lyons has accepted the leadership.

The disclosure was made by Mr. Theodore speaking in the House of Representatives, when he referred to the Commonwealth Bank having sent an ultimatum on April 11 drawing attention to the increasing burden of the Government's overdraft, and declaring that a point had been reached beyond which it was impossible for the Bank further financially to assist the Government.—Reuter.

CAUGHT IN FLOE.

MESSAGE FROM A JAPANESE STEAMER.
POSITION PRECARIOUS.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The s.s. Gensan Maru, chartered by the Soviet and carrying 412 Russians and 140 Japanese fishermen from Hakodate to Kamchatka, has wirelessed that she has been caught in an ice-floe since April 14, and is unable to extricate herself.

Though the ship's position is precarious, apparently there is no immediate danger. Provisions aboard are reported to be plentiful.—Reuter.

CAUSES OF CRIME.

"Drink And Poverty Have Little To Do With It."
Mr. Justice McCordie in his charge to the Grand Jury at the opening of the Surrey Assizes at Kingston recently, said that while there had been no recent increase in crimes of violence, there was now a most striking increase in offences such as housebreaking, larceny, embezzlement, and false pretences, and a deplorable increase in the crime of blackmail.

"Having often analysed," he continued, "the causes of serious crime, I have found that drink has remarkably little to do with it, and, striking though the circumstances may appear, poverty has very little to do with it also."

"The great causes of crime still remain as they have been largely in the past: lust, greed, vanity, and jealousy — just the fundamental weaknesses of mankind and womankind."

FIRMS SWINDLED.

Cheung Pui-nam, master of the Kwong Yuen Shing ship, 286 Queen's Road Central, and Li Pui-cheung, master of the Kwong Wing Ching ship, 55 Jervois Street, have reported to the Police that on March 8 and March 30, respectively, the master of a rain-coat maker's shop in Lower Lascar Row obtained from them, on credit, goods to the value of \$1,083.42. He is alleged to have absconded since.

The WOMAN'S Page

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BRIDAL FASHIONS.

The latest fashion bulletin tells of the continued influence of the romantic period on bridesmaids' frocks, both in Britain and America. This finds expression in a predominance of sheer fluttery fabrics, such as chiffon and lace, with occasional tulle. The Empress Eugenie neckline with the off-the-shoulder decolletage outlined with a narrow

ruffle of finely pleated tulle or a soft ruffle is specially popular. Some frocks carry the ruffle over the shoulder instead of using narrow straps. As some shoulder covering is necessary for a bridesmaid many of the frocks show a cape treatment. Others show a deep U decolletage outlined with a ruffle of self fabric. Ruffled skirt treatments are much seen. These are placed either in



sections on the side of the skirt or taken all round. Long classic lines are preferred for the bridal frock and lace trimming, either in the form of shallow yokes or entire bodice tops, is much used. Traditional satin is the most sought-after fabric, although some frocks are made entirely of lace in simple styles with flounced skirts. Bouquets were not so popular at some of London's smartest weddings this winter. Many of the bridesmaids were glad of the comfort of muffs, into which they could snuggle their hands, knowing also that these were a charming finish to the Early Victorian frocks.

One bride who was married in the private chapel of her ancestral home in the North of Scotland, carried a pale blue velvet prayer-book and wore shoes of the same tone. Her frock, of course, was of white satin, worn over an underskirt of Brussels lace, and her ten maids were in tissue, six in gold and four in silver, with wreaths of golden oak leaves in their hair.

FOR KIDDIES.

The Nursery Chooses Its Spring Clothes.

[By Audrey Wrangham.]

Already in the nursery they are talking of the Spring, and the green leaves and the sunshine, and in the departments given over to their needs in the big shops optimistic Summer fashions are now on view for the children.

It is evident that sun-bathing, tried out experimentally by nannies last Summer in Kensington Gardens, is to be taken seriously this year, and "sunshine suits" have been specially designed by a Brompton Road store for children of all ages, from the toddler of 18 months to the superior young persons of 8 and 9. These are just one-piece garments of striped cotton material, in shape resembling the mackintosh paddlers worn by the seaside, and backless, with straps over the shoulders buttoning to the knickers behind. These suits can be worn next to the skin or over a vest.

In all cases a hat is provided of the same material, as it is essential that while sun-bathing children should keep their heads covered to avoid sunstroke. There is no doubt that they will be much more popular than bathing dresses, which never looked quite right in the parks, and nannies or the nurserymaid will be able to wash them through at home.

Nurserymen are living stoutly up to the "Buy British" campaign, for nearly all the Summer fashions depend on Lancashire cotton materials for their success.

The striped cotton for the sunshine suits, the zephyr for smocks and knickers to match, the sprigged cotton for frocks and sun bonnets, and the flowered cottons which mothers are now using to trim coats and baskets, all come from Lancashire looms.

Smocked zephyr in blue, yellow, and green is to be one of the favourite materials for morning frocks, each of which has two pairs of knickers to match, and many mothers are doing the smocking themselves, like the Hon. Mrs. Francis Rodd, and finding this old-fashioned embroidery great fun to do, and capable of almost infinite variety.

Many of these smocking patterns are literally hundreds of years old, handed down in country places from mother to daughter.

Irish linen, haircord muslin, or zandie, and orandina are other favourite materials.

Organdina is a form of organdie muslin with a gloss on it giving a soft effect that Lady Muriel Wilmshurst has specially made for her in Ireland for the delicate babies' dresses that she designs under the name of Wendy, and each little dress now has its coatee to match.

This fashion, which the nursery world has borrowed from its elders, is so becoming that Lady Muriel finds her workpeople cannot make the little coatees fast enough to cope with the demand.

Silk and flax linen in a parchment shade, embroidered with miniature



Swiss peasants in national costume, makes a most attractive and unusual frock in this season, and the knickers have more peasants walking round their hips, while a Shantung frock with a shoulder cape can be hand-embroidered either in strawberries — what a luscious thought — or with pansies. — Ex.

NEW PYJAMAS.

Someone specialising in pyjamas has designed an ultra-smart scheme which is surprisingly practical. With a pair of Milanese pyjamas, they have included a woollen blouse. The blouse is of Shetland wool and, in white or pink, it is attractive besides being exceedingly comfortable. This pyjamas mode, as is the vogue to-day, has also a three-quarter coat of Milanese neatly embroidered in silk of the same colour in a simple cross-stitch design.



MANICURE IN MINIATURE.

Various manicure implements set into tiny golf bags are well-known, and for a short stay away from home, such small accessories are very valuable. Something new is a nail buffer which opens at the side to show space for at least five necessary nail tools. Even a small pair of scissors fits neatly into the buffer on the other side. This is far more useful than packing a large case of manicure utensils.

COLOUR CONTRASTS.

Tailored styles, the classical suit (which will come into its own again soon) has some serious rivals at the moment.

Some of these show short jackets, rather fantastic in cut, in pale colourings, worn with dark skirts.

Beige and brown are effective, also light and dark grey and light and dark green, and a few bold spirits are ringing such changes successfully with blue and pink and even mauve.

Waistcoats are another form of colour contrast which ensure that costumes shall not lack interest at the moment.

One, in bright green linen, supplied a vivid touch of colour to a beige kaasha coat and skirt. In this case the short, loose-fitting coat had wadded fronts — another departure from the classical and rather an effective one.

SPRING SUIT.

Checked Materials The Vogue.

London, March 24.

Looking for a new Spring outfit is a more than usually exciting business just now, when every day discloses some new aspect of Spring fashions. The best way to make certain of being perfectly satisfied is to study as many models as possible in order to decide between their respective merits. Then choose the model of your dreams and you are sure to be happy.

Quite Simple.

It is not at all necessary to undertake a long pilgrimage to study the various aspects of Spring fashions. All of them are illustrated in the salons of Peter Robinson, Ltd., Oxford Street and Regent Street, W., where Dorothy Thatcher sketched the models.

Checked materials are used for outfits for all occasions. This particular model is made of a black-and-green sponge-bag check woollen fabric, and as the plain green crepe de Chine blouse has elbow high cuffs of the checked material, it can be worn with or without the coat (which has elbow length sleeves) without in any way interfering with the smart appearance of the wearer.

Another outfit, made from a black-and-white checked canvas-like wool fabric, has a three-quarter length coat worn over a dress the deep flounce of which has alternate groups of box and knife pleats.

Some women like plain materials. For them, too, there are numbers of models from which to choose, including one of almond green etoile de laine, the tunic jumper of which is decorated with horizontal rows of hemstitching, as, also, is the sleeveless complementary coat.

British Materials.

Tailored suits in West of England cloths and Saxony suiting are especially welcome to bridge the gap between the time a woman casts aside her fur coat and steps into light Summer attire.

The authorities in the Peter Robinson salons see to it that not only the stock size woman, but the woman both over and under stock size, can find models to fit, a piece of information which will greatly simplify shopping for the ladies concerned.

To return to the tailor-mades, these are available in a number of attractive colourings, including the fashionable shades of green, and also in brown, black and navy.

One particularly attractive model in heavy green hopsack has a straight-stitched coat with green side buttons on the pockets and a stitched border both to the coat and the edge of the wrap-over skirt. — Evening Standard.

PRETTY HANDS.

Never is the possessor of ugly hands and nails more conscious of their shortcomings than in Winter, when it is difficult enough to keep even pretty hands in good condition; had circulation and a tendency to

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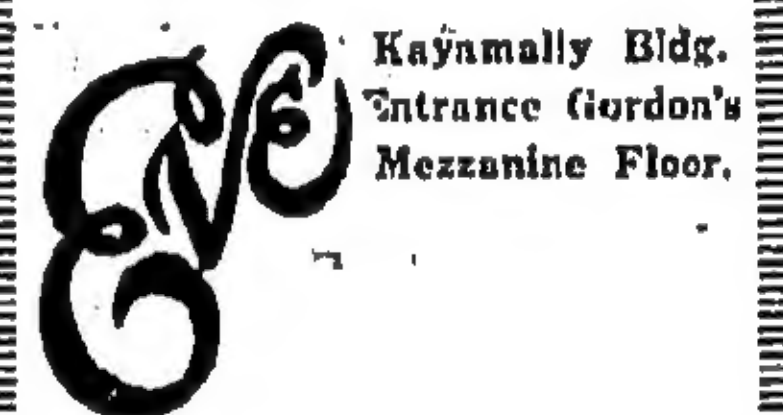
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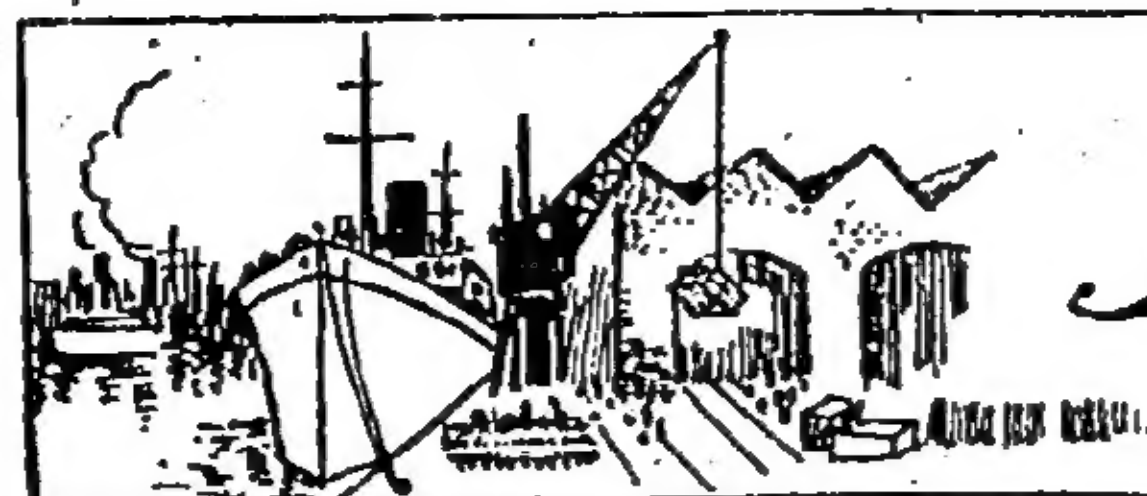
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The distinction conferred upon the general manager of the Port of London Authority in the Honours List, is a recognition of the onerous and far-reaching importance of the duties attaching to the administration of Britain's premier port, a post which has been described as the "blue riband" of port administration.

Mr. Owen went to London in 1922 with a wide experience which has been invaluable to the Authority in solving the problems of running the port through which flows more than one-third of the total trade of the United Kingdom. Educated at Liverpool Institute, he served his business apprenticeship for 13 years with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and afterwards was manager and secretary of Messrs. Paul Bros., well-known flour millers of Liverpool and Birkenhead. In 1908 he was appointed assistant manager, and subsequently became manager, of Goole Docks. He then passed on to the port of Belfast as general manager and secretary.

The period since Mr. Owen has been in London has been one of great activity and progress in the port. Large schemes of improvement works have been inaugurated and completed, including the extension of the Tilbury Docks and the provision there of a new entrance lock, capable of accommodating the largest vessel afloat, and a new dry dock; modernisation of the West India and Millwall Dock System; the passenger landing-stage in the river at Tilbury; new docks and equipment at the Surrey Commercial System for London's vast timber trade; the completion of the river dredging programme, as well as a host of other works.

Equally important have been Mr. Owen's strenuous efforts and achievements in the direction of economy. Wherever the opportunity occurred, mechanical appliances have been installed and operating efficiency has been effected through extensive staff re-organisation. Economies effected have permitted the Authority to make reductions in port charges to the extent of nearly £1,000,000 per annum since 1925. He has visited the principal ports of Europe and America in his efforts to find anything that could increase the efficiency of London.

Mr. Owen is well known in the transport world. He is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Engineer and Railway Staff Corps of the Royal Engineers (T.A.), a vice-president of the Institute of Transport, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Dock and Harbour Authorities' Association. He has a literary style of his own, and has published several books, including, "A Short History of the Port of Belfast," "A History of Belfast," and "The Port of London—Yesterday and To-day."

A NEGLECTED MARKET?

British Opportunities in Morocco.

Lord Edward Gleichen, president of the British Merchants' Morocco Association, draws attention to the remarkable growth of the import trade into Morocco, and to the small share of it that has come our way. The comparative table he gives of total imports and of Great Britain's proportion are striking. Only the items relating to tyres and accessories need concern us here, however. The figures show that imports under this heading amounted to 4,281 tons in bulk and were valued at £548,000, and that the share of this country was a mere 107 tons, valued at £17,846. No explanation can be given for this singular failure on the part of our traders to take advantage of a growing market. There are no tariff barriers to be surmounted and British merchants have ample protection in the capitulations and in our consular courts. Moreover, the above association was founded by Lord Milner 15 years ago for the express purpose of encouraging and assisting trade with that country. There is absolute equality of treatment extended to all nationals, and yet out of a total import trade of £24,000,000 we can claim only one-twelfth. Lower costs of production in other countries can, no doubt, account to some degree for this lack of progress, but Lord Edward

ADVANCE OF MODERN SHIPPING.

Dutch Liner Tambora to Be Scrapped.

The Steamship Company Rottendamsche Lloyd, which, during the last few years, has added several large vessels to its fleet has of late taken delivery of the mail motor-vessel Dempo, the flagship of the Lloyd, at present berthed alongside the Company's Rotterdam premises, and open to inspection by the public, says "Fairplay." Many of these sightseers will, perhaps, join the Dempo again as would-be passengers, attracted by its vast promenade decks, its verandah cafe, palm courts, fine state-rooms, lounges, in short, everything that goes to make for travelling without the inconveniences attached to it in most cases.

However, when new ships are added to great liner Companies, old ones, without the modern comfort, which nowadays is indispensable to the fastidious taste of passengers, have to be scrapped, even if in the matter of years and capacity to brave the elements they are not really so very old. This fate has now overtaken the Tambora of the same Company, which has fallen into the hands of Messrs. Frank Rysdyk's Industrial Company, for breaking-up purposes. The Tambora was built by the same yard as the new Dempo, viz., Schelde Shipbuilding Co., at Flushing. It is interesting to compare some of the features of these two vessels. The Tambora, built in 1910, measures 5,550 tons, whereas the Dempo is about 18,000 tons. The speed of the first vessel was 14 knots, and of the latter over 18 knots. The space reserved for saloon passengers accommodates respectively 134 and 500, a large difference. When the Tambora performed her trial trip the papers wrote about her: "This ship of a new type is again larger than its predecessors and the accommodation for passengers is still more comfortable."

Nowadays people would look askance at the comforts of the Tambora, which is the reason why this still strong and well-kept vessel must end its days in the yard of the shipbreaker. If twenty years can make such changes in the appearance and capacity of ships, what wonders are we to see in the next twenty, if the art of the ship-builder and decorator develops at the same pace as it has done during the previous period? Another vessel Gorontalo, of 9,100 tons deadweight in 1909, has been sold recently for the same purpose.

The Tambora was a regular caller at Singapore when she was on the Holland-Batavia run and carried mail and passengers to and from that port.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, April 16.
Annisston City, American str., 3,450 tons, Capt. R. V. Tillet, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7.—Bank Line.

Ryuhō Maru, Japanese str., 1,981 tons, Captain O. Ezawa, from Dairen, buoy No. B23.—D.K.K. Talleysand, Norwegian str., 9,750 tons, Capt. Harald Berg, from Oslo and Norway, Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Friday, April 17.
Emp. of Canada, British str., 21,516 tons, Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R. from Vancouver, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.
Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 6,310 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.

Haruna Maru, Japanese str., 10,420 tons, Capt. S. Umemoto, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kum-sang, British str., 5,447 tons, Captain J. H. Ferguson, from Calcutta and Straits, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Kwongsang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. A. E. Osmond, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. B. Miyaka, from Chefoo, buoy No. B17.—Yee Tai Hong.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Gleichen should be in a position to speak with authority when he attributes the cause to indifference. In any case, his association offers its services to British exporters, and it seems to be well worth while for our traders to put themselves in touch with such an organisation.

ALIEN SEAMEN.

STRANGE BILL PASSED BY SENATE.

The U.S. Senate passed a Bill which, if finally enacted, will be a frank encouragement of the desertion of seamen from foreign merchant vessels. On February 20 the Senate had refused to reconsider another measure antedatedly passed which, under the guise of a more rigid enforcement of the restrictive immigration policy of the United States, provided for the "deportation of certain alien seamen" as a protection against desertion.

The Bill is identical with that passed by the 70th Congress but not then considered by the House. It relates "to the payment of advance wages and allotments in respect of seamen on foreign vessels," and is an attempt to fulfil one of the purposes of the La Follette Seamen's Act of 1915. It is explained with engaging candour in the following extract from the report upon it of the Senate Committee's legislative counsel:—

The plan was as follows:—Section 16 of the Seamen's Act abolished the remedy of arrest and imprisonment for the desertion of foreign seamen in the ports of the United States and the treaty provisions requiring specific performance of the terms of contracts for seamen's services made abroad were abrogated. Inasmuch as wages were higher in the ports of the United States than in foreign ports it was contemplated that foreign seamen who signed shipping articles at the lower wage scales prevailing at foreign ports would, since they were no longer prevented by legal process, take advantage of the higher American wage level on reaching the ports of the United States, and find new jobs at the higher wages. A foreign ship must then fill up its crew at the current wages in the United States port. Thus, both the vessels of the United States and foreign vessels running to and from ports of the United States would have the same labour operating costs.

The foreign seaman, of course, should have "sufficient money upon reaching an American port to carry him until he procured his new job," and Section 4 of the Seamen's Act empowered him to demand one-half of his wages when he left a foreign ship. Here, however, appeared a flaw in the plan, for the deduction of advance wages or allotments of wages made when seamen signed their shipping articles at a foreign port might leave a seaman with "no ready money." Accordingly the Bill, passed by the Senate purports to prevent vessels of foreign countries from advancing wages to seamen on board their vessels in foreign ports by providing that such advances may not be deducted when wages are demanded in ports of the United States—an assertion of extraterritorial jurisdiction which has provoked some criticism from lawyers whose opinion has been asked.

"In private life," said one of them, "inducing employees to violate their contracts is looked upon as unethical, to say the least, and it is questionable how far the United States should go towards any such purpose with respect to inducing seamen on foreign vessels to violate their contracts. The proposed legislation does violence to the limits within which nations have confined their regulatory powers by virtue of the necessities of international commerce."

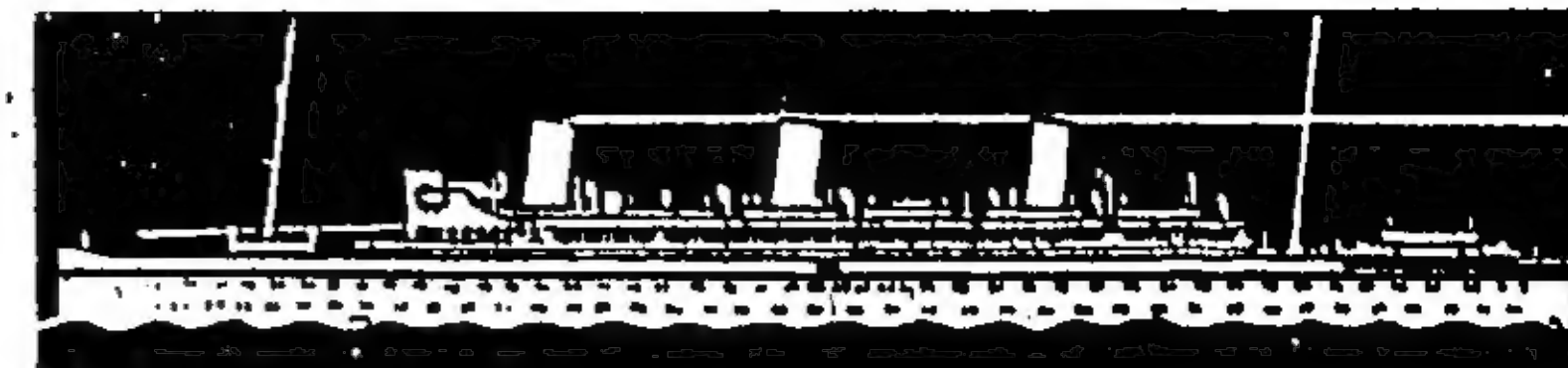
It is uncertain whether the Senate Bill, which has gone to the House of Representatives, will be considered by that body. Even if it should pass it is unlikely that the President would sign it. But the question will undoubtedly come up again in the next session of Congress.

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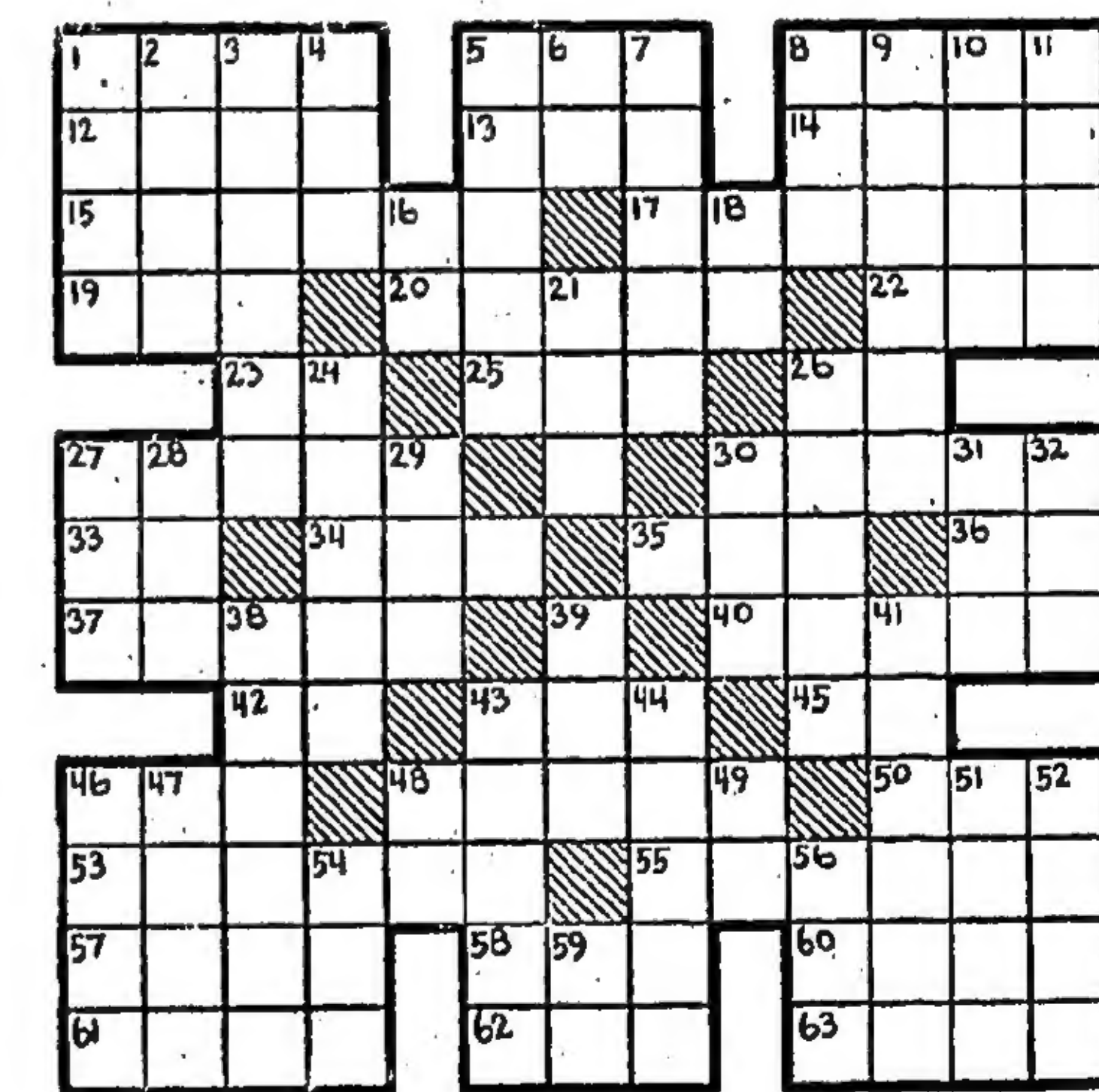
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Aid | 46-Eagle | 18-Comparative suffix |
| 2-A nocturnal mammal | 48-A fertile spot in a desert | 21-Measure of weight |
| 3-Panted | 50-A flap | 24-Passageway |
| 4-Carry | 53>Loading | 26-Sister of Circe (Greek Myth.) |
| 5-Constellation | 55-A large quantity | 27-Steal |
| 14-Assistant | 57-Greek god of war | 28-Metal in raw state |
| 15-Duck (sl.) | 58-Enforce | 29-Born (Fr.) |
| 17-The edible part of a nut | 60-Large lake | 30-Small rug |
| 19-Corroded | 61-Designed | 31-Vapor |
| 20-A marine crustacean | 62-Masculine name (abbr.) | 32-Point of compass (abbr.) |
| 22-Terminal | 63-Gull-like bird | 33-A tree |
| 23-Musical note | | 34-Possessive |
| 25-Eternity | VERTICAL | 41-Character |
| 26-Mother | 1-An ancient word meaning father | 43-Haved |
| 27-Same as resin | 2-Strike | 44-Bestowed |
| 30-Be absorbed into something else | 3-Folding frame for supporting a picture | 46-A kingdom B. of Assyria (Bible) |
| 33-Either | 4-Prefix. Three | 47-Choice |
| 34-Fixed in opinion | 5-To sew loosely | 48-Favored |
| 35-Small compact mass | 6-Arabia (abbr.) | 49-To an extreme degree |
| 36-Because | 7-Carried away | 51-A Mohammedan prince |
| 37-A reigning beauty | 8-Hinder | 52-Existed |
| 40-That is (Latin, abbr.) | 9-Composed of lines | 54-Suffix used in nouns to denote an agent |
| 43-Associate of Arts (abbr.) | 10-Paradise | 55-Allow |
| | 11-To unite, as heated metal | 59-Egyptian sun-god |
| | 16-Negative reply | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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*BOMBAY	16,568	23rd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	16,568	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles & London.

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TILAWA	5,273	28th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
KASHMIR	10,000	8th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RANPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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The Views of Merchant
Service Guild.

Considerable publicity has been
given to the complaint in the annual
report of the Imperial Merchant
Service Guild with regard to the
large amounts that have to be paid
out by shipping companies in Suez
Canal dues. This has resulted in a
number of questions being asked in
Parliament, but so far the Presi-
dent of the Board of Trade has
taken the line that the matter is
beyond his scope. The last of this
matter, however, has not been
heard, and it is likely that considerable
pressure will be brought to
bear on the Government, as the
largest shareholders in the Suez
Canal Company, to take some action
in this matter.

The relevant extract from the
Guild's Report is as follows:

It is more than a serious question
as to what can be done by the
Government, by everyone identified
with shipping and by the public at
large, in coming to the rescue of
the shipping industry and relieving
it, as far as possible, of burdens
which so greatly harass shipowners
in the pursuit of their different
undertakings. The shipping industry
at any rate has distinguished itself
amongst industries generally in
being one where difficulties have
not been immensely added to by
reason of constant friction and
trouble between employers and em-
ployees. Many comparatively small
difficulties have been smoothed out
by the National Maritime Board,
and it is good to know that the
shipowners of this country recog-
nize that the loyalty and zeal of
those engaged in their ships is an
asset, we almost might say, without
price.

Shipowners are quite competent
to manage their own business, but
we would like to state in this Report
how cordially all seafarers will sup-
port their effort in obtaining some
relief of their difficulties by
means of substantial reduction of
dues which are levied by the Suez
Canal Company for the right to
pass through the Suez Canal. A
shipmaster member of the Guild
states that in the course of an
Eastern voyage the cost in levies of
his steamer passing through the
Canal is £1,900 each way, or a total
of £3,800 in the course of voyage
out and home.

In another case of which we hear,
a certain passenger vessel pays
£30,000 a year in Suez Canal levies.
During the past few years, British
shipping has been battling
against grave adversity. Converse-
ly, the profits of the Suez Canal
Company have greatly swollen year
by year, the results in their own
word being "brilliant." We do not
wonder that in their Annual Report,
the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners'
Association dwells not only elo-
quently but convincingly upon this
subject. We would suggest it is
high time that the representatives
of the British Government on the
Suez Canal Company, and also the
British commercial directors of
that company, use all the influence
which is undoubtedly at their com-
mand in mitigating this gravely
unfair burden, on British ship-
owners.

HONG KONG TIDES.

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deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is
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the datum of the largest scale Ad-
miralty chart of the place and
should be added to the depths given
on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

April 18 to 24, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
	Standards Times	Standards Times
April 18	11. 11	5. 11
19	12. 11	6. 11
20	1. 11	7. 11
21	2. 11	8. 11
22	3. 11	9. 11
23	4. 11	10. 11
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The inquiry was concluded be-
fore Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the

Kowloon Court yesterday after-
noon, into the death of a Chinese

girl, aged 13 years, who was killed
as the result of a ferry launch

running into Yaumatei Pier on
March 22, just after midnight.

Mr. C. Hamilton, a Government
Marine Surveyor, suggested three

possible reasons for the accident,
the third being the most likely

reason.

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the valve when it should

have come from under the
valve.

2.—The locking device might
have been screwed up.

3.—The presence of water in the
reversing engine or steam

pipe.

Finally he thought it was an ac-
cident that might happen without

serious blame accruing to anyone.

Mr. B. E. S. Purvis, consulting
engineer to the Ferry Launch Com-
pany, said that he was quite in

agreement with Mr. Hamilton as
to the possible reasons for the

misadventure.

The jury returned a verdict of
death from misadventure.

EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern
ports for the week ended April

11, issued by the Director of
Medical and Sanitary Services,
gives the following cases:—

Bombay—4 cases, 4 deaths.

Rangoon—1 case, 1 death.

Colombo—2 cases, 2 deaths.

Pnom-Penh—2 deaths.

Cholera.

Calcutta—95 cases, 55 deaths.

Chittagong—1 death.

Madras—3 cases, 5 deaths.

Pondicherry—5 cases, 1 death.

Bangkok—1 case.

Haiphong—3 deaths.

Pnom-Penh—1 case.

Saigon—2 cases.

Canton—1 case.

Small-pox.

Bombay—2 cases, 1 death.

Calcutta—101 cases, 78 deaths.

Cochin—10 cases.

Madras—12 cases, 2 deaths.

Negapatam—1 case.

Rangoon—2 cases.

Vizagapatam—2 cases, 1 death.

Pondicherry—3 cases, 3 deaths.

Penang—1 case, 1 death.

Saigon—1 case, 1 death.

Canton—1 case.

Shanghai—2 deaths.

Greater Shanghai—2 cases.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever.

Shanghai—15 deaths.

Greater Shanghai—14 cases, 3

deaths.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships
were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—North wall.

Hermes—West wall.

Marazion—South wall.

Medway—North arm.

Odin—East wall.

Oswald—East wall.

Otus—East wall.

Poseidon—East wall.

Sandwich—In dock.

Sepoy—No. 5 buoy.

Seraph—No. 13 buoy.

Seraph—No. 13 buoy.

Sirdar—No. 4 buoy.

Somme—South wall.

Thracian—No. 7 buoy.

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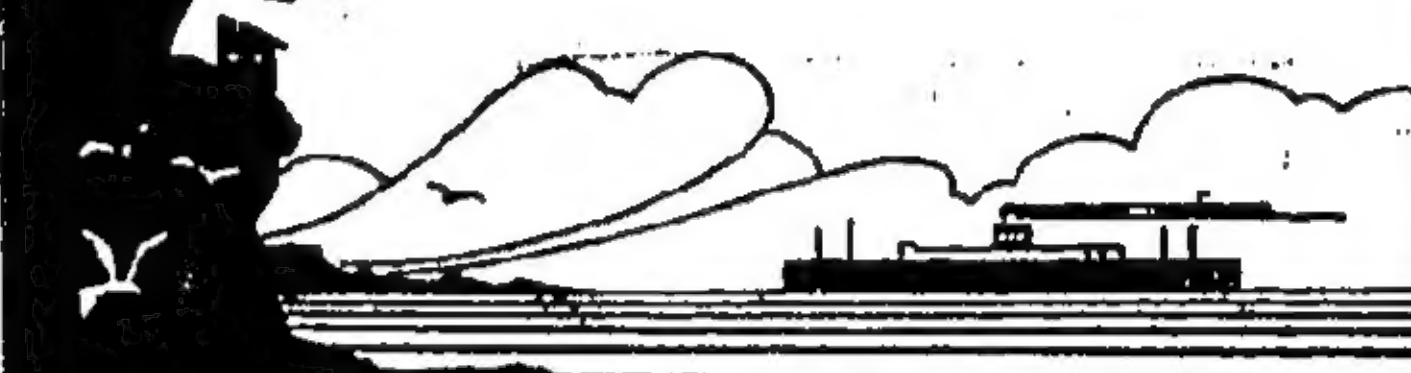
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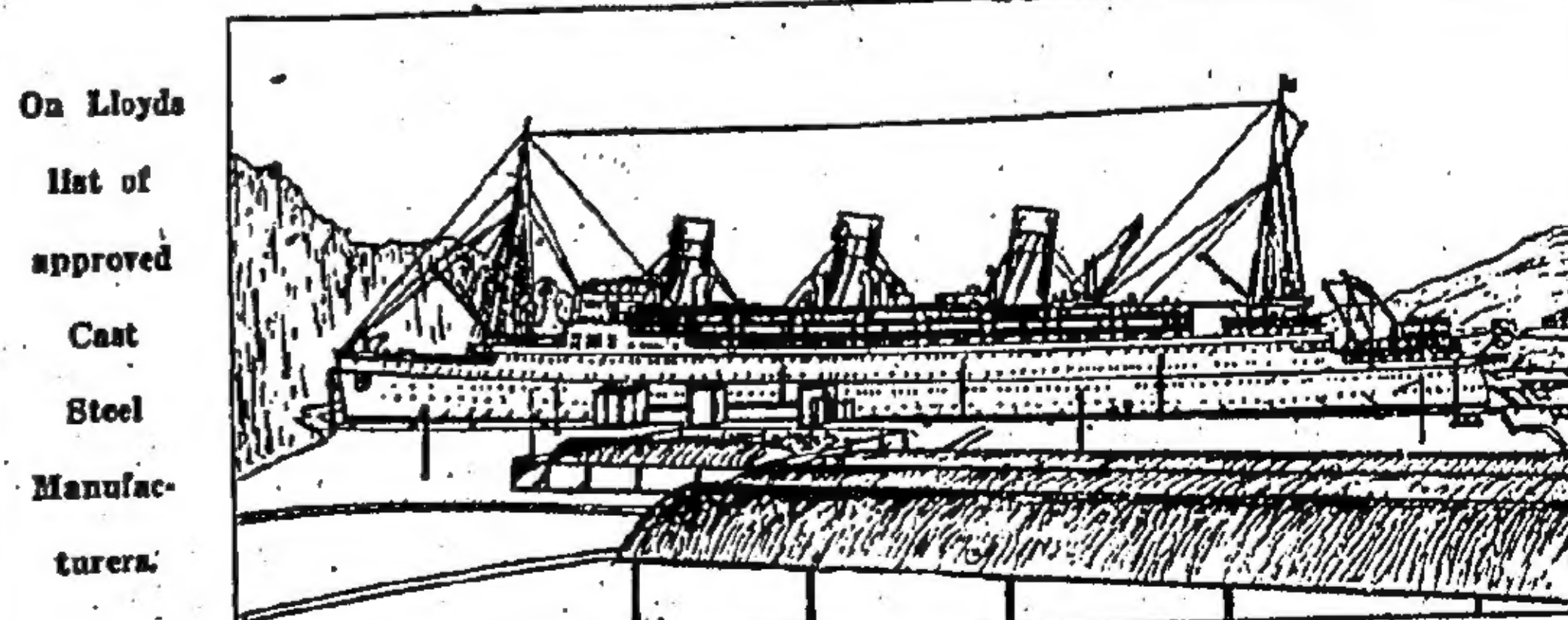
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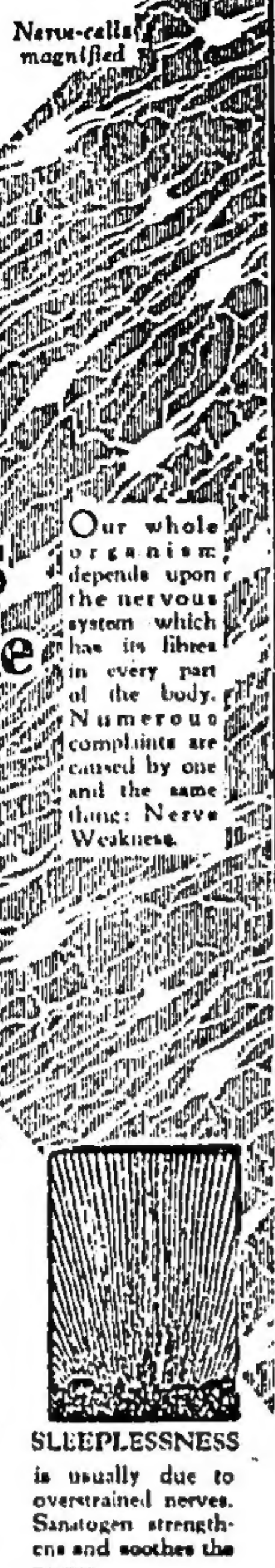
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"The Queens of Tilling," by E. F. Benson, author of "David Blaize," etc.; Hodder & Stoughton, 7/6 net.]

Readers of "Queen Lucia" will relish this continuation of that brilliant lady's history. She is here presented as disputing the field with other royalties, as ambitious but far less able than herself; and she retains her superb supremacy, unto the last page, in spite of all attempts at challenge and dethronement. Her calm outmanoeuvring of all actual or potential rivals, is depicted with Mr. Benson's well-known expert wit and skill. Everyone acquainted with the details of provincial life will acknowledge the ruthless accuracy of his portraiture, and will eagerly follow further these fortunes of the undaunted Lucia. The denouement provides a double, even a triple surprise; which, to reap its full enjoyment, the author's admirers must hasten to ascertain for themselves.

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SIR F. BURDETT IN PARLIAMENT.

"Sir Francis Burdett and His Times (1770-1844)," by M. W. Patterson, Vice-President, Fellow, and Senior Tutor, Trinity College, Oxford; illustrated by 32 full-page plates, 2 vols. 8 vo.; Macmillan's, about 30s. net.]

Sir Francis Burdett's position under the Regency and in the reign of George IV, somewhat recalls that of Henry Labouchere in Queen Victoria's later years. Both were members of Parliament who never held office but were more generally known than all but the actual leaders; both were rich and well born, yet the allies of extreme Radicals and Irish Nationalists. But Labouchere's career was a pale reflection of Burdett's, who actually suffered imprisonment twice for his political opinions, and whose popularity was so formidable that Government mobilised 40,000 men in 1810 before they dared arrest him at his house in Piccadilly. There is also this difference, that when, after thirty years' agitation, Burdett saw the Reform Bill pass into law, he declared himself satisfied, and before long passed over to his normal place as a great country gentleman, supporting the Duke of Wellington.

Such a man was inevitably caricatured, and there is lavish reproduction of cartoons, in which Burdett figures along with his associates, Horne Tooke, Cobbett, Orator Hunt and the rest, concerning whom Mr. Patterson has concentrated much curious detail. Another type of Radical was Hobhouse, Burdett's colleague as member for Westminster; and Burdett like Hobhouse knew Byron, Samuel Rogers, Moore and all such literary lions of the time.

But though Burdett was a prominent figure in society, that side of the period is more largely illustrated from the papers of his father-in-law, Thomas Coutts, who as banker to the Royal family was in touch with the princes and with their mistresses, and received their mutual complaints. Thus Mrs. FitzHerbert appears naturally in the illustrations along with Coutts's daughters, "The Three Graces," and with Sir Francis's youngest daughter Angela, afterwards the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

The story of Coutts's amazing second marriage with the actress Harriot Mellon (afterwards Duchess of St. Albans) and of the resulting family quarrels, in which Burdett contributed his part to a correspondence worthy of Samuel Richardson's invention, makes one of many episodes that will provide inspiration for novelties. Others fully related here are the Stock Exchange hoax, just before Waterloo, which led to the disgrace of the famous admiral, Lord Cochrane, whom Burdett unsuccessfully though justly championed; the trial of Roger O'Connor for robbing the Galway mail, in which Burdett helped to secure an undeserved acquittal; and the duel with another Radical, which brought Burdett into Parliament free of expense for Westminster, which he represented for thirty years.

In short, this book makes an important contribution to Parliamentary history; for Burdett was a prominent member of the House from the climax of Pitt and Fox to the beginnings of Disraeli, who described him as "the greatest gentleman I ever knew." But it is also full of entertainment for anyone interested in the age which Lawrence painted, and which Gillray caricatured; and relevant examples of their work abound in the illustrations, which also include an exquisite study of Mrs. FitzHerbert by Gainsborough, never before reproduced.

LORD SOMERS NOT ASHAMED.

H.E. Lord Somers, Governor and Chief Scout for Victoria, in an address to the residents of Inverloch who had entertained him, referring to his Boy Scout uniform, said: "Too many people are prone to think that it is a ridiculous thing for their Governor to go about dressed as a Boy Scout. But the uniform is only the outward sign that I, as a Scout, am trying to live up to the Scout Law. I am not ashamed to go about disguised as a Boy Scout."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

A gas-bag is easily punctured by a pointed remark.

WORLD GOODWILL.

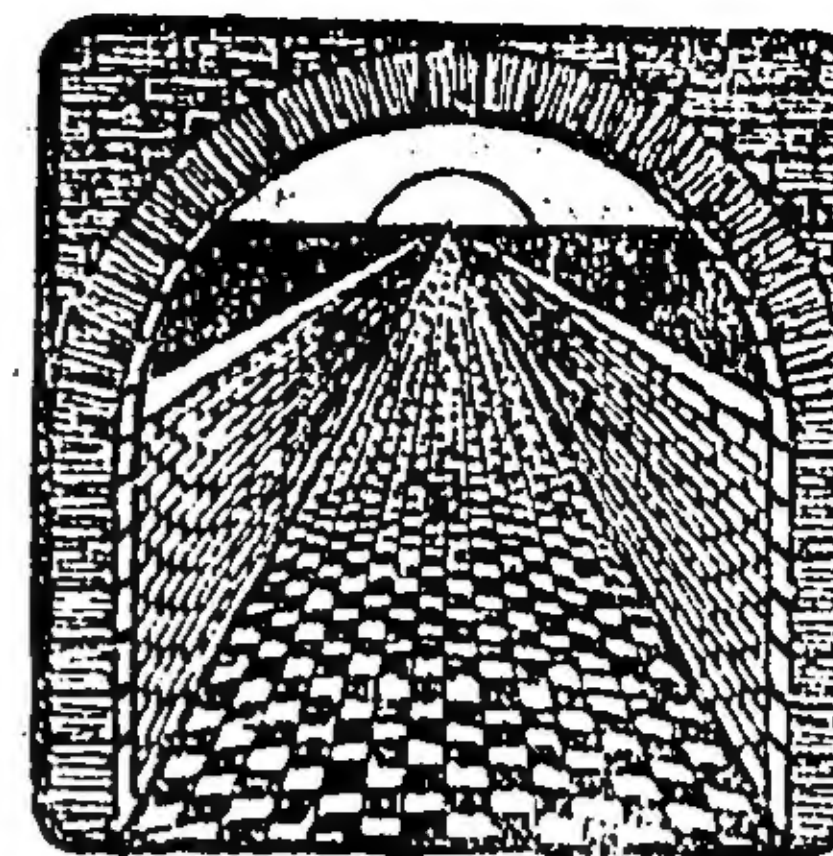
When Mr. Percy Hutchison, the well-known actor, opened the Cake and Apron Sale of the Lord Mayor's Own Troop of Scouts at the Guildhall, York, Mr. Arnold Rowntree who presided, alluding to Mr. Hutchison's Scout uniform, said he felt that Mr. Hutchison was properly clothed and in his right mind. Subsequently Mr. Hutchison said he was sure he was properly clothed and in his right mind and he felt it a very great honour to stand there in the uniform of a Boy Scout. He had travelled extensively in Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, and it was remarkable how many youthful and even aged persons were members of the Boy Scouts Association.

Mr. Arnold Rowntree paid high tribute to Lord Baden-Powell who, he said, had done such splendid work for the youth of the world. The remarkable display of comradeship revealed by the Coming of Age Scout World Jamboree at Birkenhead had astounded him. It showed that the Boy Scout Movement is an excellent one for the promotion of goodwill among the people of the world.

Mr. Rowntree added that people would always look to Lord Baden-Powell's work for hints and suggestions as to the manner in which education should be developed in this and other countries.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The question of an ambulance service came up as the subject for general discussion at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club on April 14. The principal speaker was the Rev. E. G. Powell on the subject "Community Service" which, in the main, was a plea for more ambulances. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Inspector-General of Police) advanced the argument that there should be unified control. A full report of the debate is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The annual inspection of the H.K.V.D.C. was carried out on April 9 by the G.O.C. (Major-General Sandilands, D.S.O.) on Murray Parade Ground. Much correspondence on local Volunteering was a sequel, and the subject has also been dealt with in a leading article. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL carries a full report.

Taking the chair at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd., on April 15, Mr. J. Scott Harston foreshadowed the provision of facilities for bathing, on modern lines, at Repulse Bay. He said that in the event of modification of the terms of the Crown lease of the Company's rural property being obtained, it was intended to develop along lines which would provide the public with dressing and refreshment accommodation, as well as other amenities. A full report appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the University Law and Commerce Society held recently, the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice John R. Wood) said that lawyers were living in an interesting age. They were watching the beginning of the standardisation of law throughout the world. A detailed report of the speeches is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Facts appertaining to the alleged theft of a registered letter were disclosed by the Police in a case opened recently in the Central Police Court. Accused is a Hungarian, Harry Simon. A detailed account of the proceedings is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A pleasing ceremony was witnessed in the St. Andrew's Church Hall on April 13, when the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A., a past President, was presented with a Chinese ivory chess set, from the members of the Kowloon Residents' Association. The presentation was made by Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., who paid high tribute to the work done by the recipient. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full report.

H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) officially opened the new Kowloon Union Church on April 10, in the presence of a large and representative gathering. A detailed account is furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

At the annual meeting of the Institute of Shipbuilding and Engineering, better prospects for the coming year were noted. A successful year's working was reported at the yearly meeting of the Philharmonic Society, whilst Mr. James Stewart was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Victoria Recreation Club. All these are chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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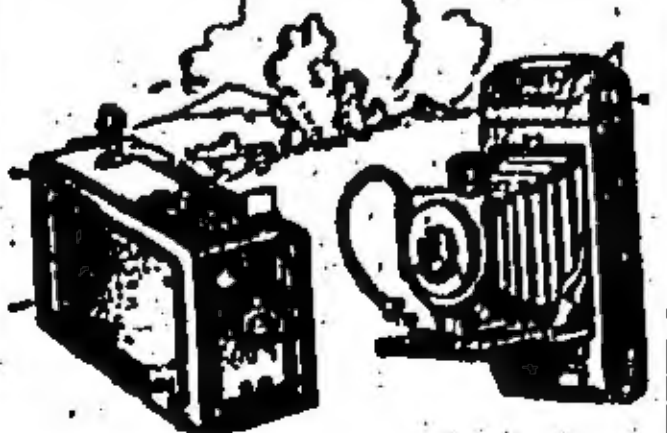
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The Queen With Girl Guides.

Fleet Street, March 20. Princess Mary Countess of Harewood, who has been president of the Girl Guides' Association since its inception, to-day received the Queen on her arrival at the new Imperial Headquarters of the Girl Guides' Association in Buckingham Palace Road and presented her with a key to unlock the inner doors.

The Queen, wearing a long grey coat with a deep fur collar and a grey velvet toque, and Princess Mary, in the Guides' uniform, which suits her extremely well, performed the brief opening ceremony. Afterwards, conducted by the Princess and other officers, the Queen made a leisurely tour of the building, stepping every now and then to talk to members of the staff, who number 130.

She was much interested in the tailoring rooms, where all the officers' uniforms are made; in the extensive library and the spacious dining-room. The large windows of this room look over crowded roofs, the tower of Westminster Cathedral, and the Victoria Tower, but the adjacent kitchen—which is admirably equipped with gas and electric stoves, refrigerator, and other conveniences—has probably a finer view than any other kitchen in London. For its windows take in also one of the Abbey towers and the Broadway Building.

The Queen inspected the Council Chamber and the offices for the overseas training and equipment departments, and the general office, which deals every day with six hundred letters from all parts of the world. The secretary, showing the Queen the working of the machine by which all letters are addressed, selected an address

at random and found that it was in Nigeria. It might as easily have been in Fiji or in Japan.

Work by Disabled Girls.

The branches in Great Britain and the Dominions have made themselves responsible for the building and equipment of different parts of the headquarters. The four Lancashire districts have given the waiting-room, a corridor, and part of the show-room and of the packing-room. The Queen stayed for some time in the spacious show-room, and was very much interested in the animal toys on sale there that are made by Girl Guides who suffer from some physical disability. There are in the Association some eight or nine thousand of these girls—crippled, blind, or otherwise physically disabled, or inmates of institutions,—who are encouraged to take up handicrafts and helped by expert training. When their work is of sufficiently high standard it is sent for sale to the shop in Buckingham Palace Road. One clever girl is now earning £70 a year in this way.

Pathetic letters come from these girls in the mining districts asking for as much work as possible, as their families are in need. No one who did not know the story would imagine that the woolly owls, the sleek giraffe, and the very superior monkeys, in the showcase are the work of handicapped craftsmen. The Queen bought several of the toys, including a Brownie lamp and some Easter chickens. As she left the building she was cheered by a large crowd.

The Bishop of London, who dedicated the building, had as attendant a young Girl Guide, who carried his pastoral staff. Among the vice-presidents of the Association present was Mrs. Bradwell Booth, representing the thousands of Girl Guides in the Salvation Army, who have an organization of their own but are affiliated to the Association.

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

"The Laughing Lady" with the royal pair of the Talkies, Ruth Chatterton and Clive Brook in the successful stage play in which I remember Marie Lohr, and which Gloria Swanson played so perfectly in the Movies. Of course the regal Chatterton gives of her usual superb work, as the young married woman with baby, whose husband divorces her on circumstantial evidence which blackens her character. Then the fun starts when she camps and degrades the brilliant lawyer who handled her husband's case. Follows the compromising situation before a newspaper camera, but by this time the hero has fallen a victim to the fair heroine, and he does not care. Moreover, he succeeds in taking back the child, and all ends as it should end—in a play. You will like this above—the average—story. (Central.)

"Animal Crackers." The same brothers who made "The Cocoanuts." Mystery. Why they advertise Four Marx Brothers! Two of them, draw large salaries for occasionally showing their faces. I am not sure why they even do that. It will pack the King's, as the other play did the Central, simply because there is at present a trend in this Colony only—toward musical plays.

Groucho Marx is the best of the bunch. Chico and others sometimes help. Not a very expensive production, but it has some amusing situations, and I think I can guarantee will amuse and please some. (King's.)

Now we are to see one of the biggest Box Office attractions of the year—"Whoopie," with the colourful eye-appealing showmanship of Flo Ziegfeld, plus the abilities of Sam Goldwyn, and, above everything, Eddie Cantor. All have combined to give a most unusual piece of screen entertainment. Eddie carries the entire production on his small but capable shoulders. He is just a natural comedian, and he was also responsible for the enormous success of the stage version. You cannot fail to enjoy the gorgeous and extravagant effects that have made the name of Ziegfeld a household word. Beautiful girls without too much on, tuneful melodies, and the unforgettable tableau finale in an Indian setting that tops anything so far done. Highly recommended. (Queen's.)

"Strictly Unconventional." Known on the stage as "The Circle." Written by Somerset Maugham who throws the searchlight of truth on an important problem. "Have we a right to romance after marriage?" Well, Catherine Dale Owen does not attempt to act. She looks beautiful and wears stunning gowns, but there are Lewis Stone, Paul Cavanagh, and Ernest Torrence, so go and see and judge for yourself, and let me know whether you agree with the famous author. (Queen's.)

"Ingagi." Claimed to be a great picture. We shall wait and see. Anyhow it was said to be taken in the Belgian Congo, and with sound effects added which should enhance the interest. We are told we shall see wild animals in their native haunts, and gaze upon half apes-half humans in the gorilla country. The Press agents tell us it is no ordinary picture, and is a true record of travel in the heart of Africa. Mrs. Public will no doubt prefer "Divorcee," but Mr. Public will be keen about this show. (Central.)

"On Your Back." The Star is to be closed for a week, but I hope they put this on when it re-opens. It has been showing in the World. Splendid work, as usual, by Irene Rich, and I must not forget H. B. Warner as the rich broker. The story has considerable merit and is the true history of an internationally famous New York modiste. Tells of a mother's sacrifice to build up position and wealth through her shop, where beautiful models serve as bait for wealthy patrons. The title of the play repeats the business slogan of the modiste, "Put your brains on your back." It gives Miss Rich the best opportunity since her Talkie debut; reveals her as a stunning woman and always a splendid actress. She wears perfectly cut gowns—and HOW? The son is played by Raymond Hackett, chorus girl—cause of trouble—by Marion Shilling, but the highest honours to Warner and Miss Rich. I liked it. (Star.)

Sombody thought it would be a good idea to have three French girls with broad accents work together in a picture; so they put

Fifi Dorsey, Yola D'Avril, and Sandra Ravel as the girls. Reginald Denny and Cliff Edwards try to make it worth while. Three dressmakers are about to be turned out by their landlord, when a Briton in evening clothes appears on the scene. They proceed to throw flower pots and furniture at the head of same landlord and are naturally put in jail, where they meet two Americans. Then later the entire party find themselves in the home of the Briton, who turns out to be the nephew of an Earl. If you are one of those who swear by the humour of P. G. Wodehouse, you will go and see this. (Queen's.)

One of the finest musical plays, and WHAT music, is coming shortly to the Queen's. I think it was amongst the first musical Talkies, but John Boles is good and "The Desert Song" is worth seeing. Also "Disraeli," the prize-winner, with our very own George Arliss in the part he made famous on the stage and in the Movies. More of these two later. (Queen's.)

"The Right to Love" with Ruth Chatterton, a lovely thing, a gem of a picture with superb direction.



Ruth Chatterton.

Also "Devil's Holiday" with Nancy Carroll in the kind of part in which she excels—strong drama. Superbly handled by Edmund Goulding, the famous Briton who made "The Trespasser." Central.)

Hats off to the Paramount Executive Staff for the greatest piece of press-work ever handled, endeavouring to make the public believe that Marlene Dietrich is as great and even greater than Greta Garbo. My first complaint is the fact of which scenario writers and Directors lose sight. They do NOT realise that a film goes to every corner of the globe, and the Orient is not left out. We know too much of life here in these Eastern cities to accept such trashy stories as gospel truth. On a second viewing I was not too much impressed when the heroine threw off her high heeled shoes, then her stockings and, finally tramped off with the native women, without even a change of handkerchiefs, let alone a most necessary article of wearing apparel in the Sahara Desert—a hat.

Now we come to an important discussion. Does Marlene Dietrich really act?—or are we looking upon Svengali and Tribby re-enacted under the names of Marlene Dietrich and Josef von Sternberg? I have heard from more than one source that this Director gives out all her interviews, that he instructs her in every detail of every scene. Over and over again she repeats a line till he is satisfied, while he stands by and puts his hand on her and encourages. One looker-on told me that when he saw the rehearsing of her new play—"Dishonoured," he thought he was looking on "Tribby."

To return to the criticism of "Morocco." In that scene where the manager tells the rich lover that his star has been drinking for three weeks, no one in the audience would have been led to believe that she had had anything stronger than a glass of ginger beer. All I saw of this actress was a slow movement, a great deal of pantomime which did not convey much, and few words (her part could not have covered more than a few pages). Once she came to life—when she ran down the line of marching soldiers searching for her Legionaire. Her speaking voice is sweet; her singing voice not attractive. She is more lovely than the Garbo, and no wonder they say her legs are the finest in Germany. Her figure is beautiful, but she does NOT possess that elusive something,

that has yet to be coined in the Dictionary, which the Garbo possesses.

The photography was perfection. Garry Cooper so much above everyone else in the film that I am lost in amazement as to the whys and the wherefores of this publicity stuff for Marlene. How do they get that way? By-the-by, with but a penny half-penny per day, I wondered how these Foreign Legion soldiers could throw twenty franc notes around so readily. Disappointed a little in Menjou. He could not convey the fact to me that he was good all through and wanted nothing for all he gave. Menjou did not ring true. Paramount assures us that Marlene has caused a riot in America only comparable with that caused by the Swedish Queen after her first appearance in "The Torrent." I can assure Paramount that she will not cause a world-wide riot. Am I alone when I say the Garbo every time? Picture after picture and nearly every one a winner. It remains for time to show whether this new star will hold the favour as long and as lovingly as the Garbo. ("Morocco," Central.)

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Pity to read that the most famous of scenario writers, Frances Marion, is separating from her new husband, George Hill, the Director. Also that, after many years of happily married life, the old-timer, Kathleen Williams, is in Reno divorcing her husband, Charles Eytan.

Elissa Landi with Charles Farrell in "Body and Soul" receives



Charles Farrell.

marvellous notices for her beauty and talent, and it spells success. Unlike Edna Best who was chosen to play in "Cheri-Bibi" with John Gilbert, and M.G.M., received the following wire when she failed to turn up at the Studio. "I am on my way back to London, awfully homesick, and besides I am afraid I will not be good in the picture." Thomas Meighan will be seen with Dorothy Jordan in "Young Sinners." I first remember meeting this man about 25 years ago when he came over with his wife,



Dorothy Jordan.

Frances Ring, to play in "The College Widow." He amassed a fortune in the Movies and real estate in Florida, where his home is now situated.

The whole film-world was saddened by the death of Louis Wolheim. He had to reduce for one of his pictures, and he overdid it, and when operated upon had not sufficient strength to fight against it.

Doris Kenyon will play Lady Hamilton opposite George Arliss, then in a play with Walter Huston, and later leave for Europe where she will continue to study voice culture. Her voice is said to be beautiful.

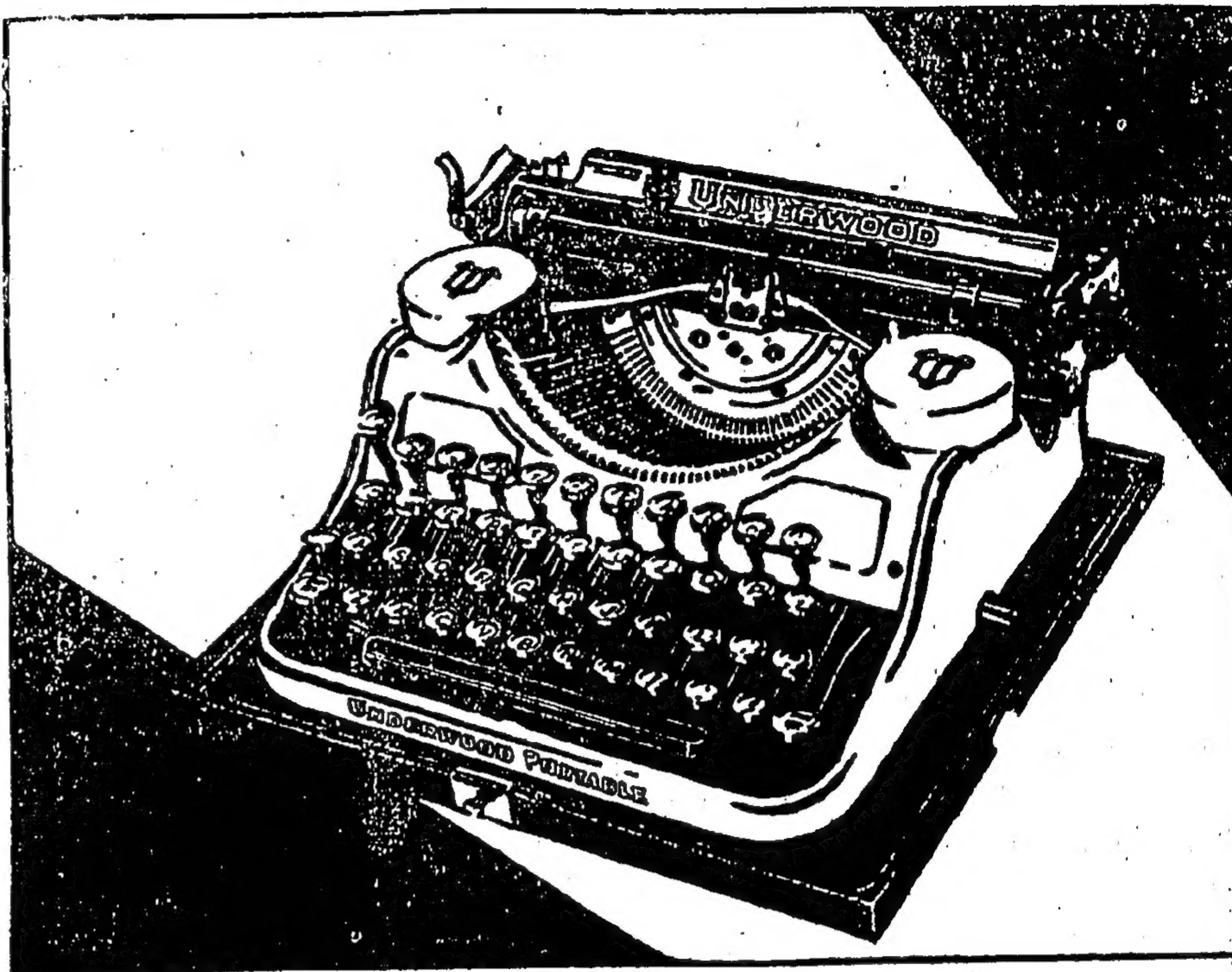
Our Mary is back on top of the world. At least judged by the



Conrad Nagel.

kind things said of her excellent work in "Kiki." Reginald Denny receives his full share of praise. All who said Mary was "through" (Continued on Page 10.)

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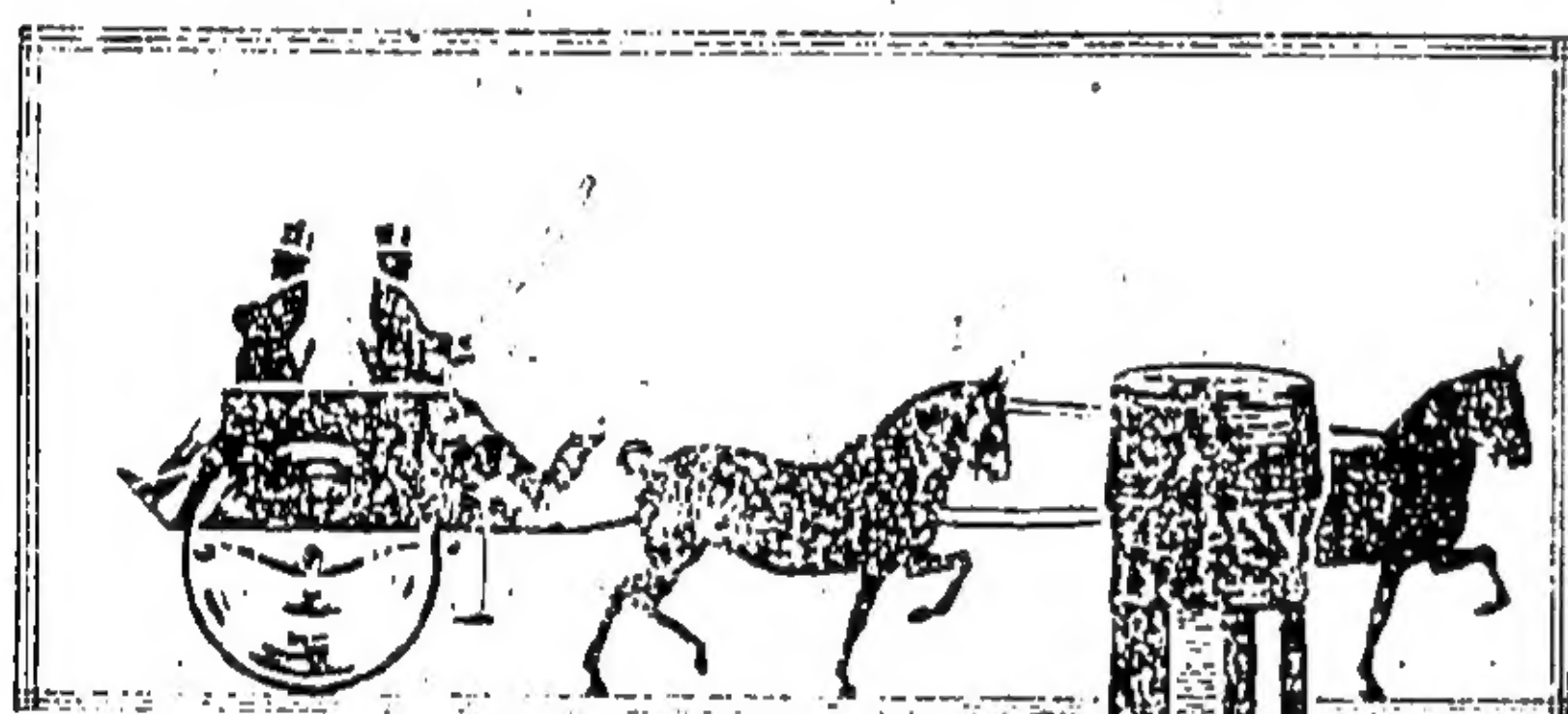
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ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

The other day a
Our Superior young acquaint-
Salesman. ance, whose
actions are
bolder than judicious, entered
the "establishment" of a certain
draper, ("shop" would be out of
the question here) and
calmly addressed one of the
assistants as follows:—"I
should be obliged if you would
give me a list of prices of
the various articles you have for
sale here."

The assistant brought him a
bundle of brochures illustrating
burburys, shirts, socks, ties and
evening dress equipment, and, as
his facial expression seemed to
require explanation, my friend
added: "You see, I hate coming
into your place and asking the
price of things. An effort always
seems to be made to make me
feel that you are conferring a
favour upon me. For that reason,
although I realise that the
goods you sell are better than
anywhere else locally, I dislike
coming here and am obliged to
go to second-rate shops."

Once this led to some incon-
venience. The window display
on one occasion contained an
assortment of Club and School
ties, one of which I was entitled
to wear. In I walked, with the
intention of making a purchase,
but I received such an ironical
leer that I forgot all about the
ties, and murmured feebly, "Er,
have you any green hats?" Of
course, they had no green hats,
as I expected, so I walked out,
miserably conscious of my in-
ability to impress.

It is very depressing if you
want to buy a certain article,
which no other shop sells, and are
"put off" by a patronising man-
ner for which there can be no
possible justification. It is quite
unaccountable. One may be well-
received in good society, where
one's virtues and personal dis-
tinctions are known and valued,
yet on entering an "establish-
ment" one is received as though
he had overdrawn his account or

the brochures and made a not
altogether successful exit.

Now I admire that young man's
pluck and frankness, and very
much wish that I had the cour-
age to do likewise, for there is
more than a modicum of truth in
what he said. Often have I, and
probably hundreds of my fellow
men, gazed longingly and lovingly
at a claret-hued pair of silk
pyjamas in the window of a fash-
ionable draper's. It would
have taken little in these
moods of admiration to forget
the rate of exchange and rush in
recklessly and order half a dozen
pairs. Even if you are single,
there is a luxurious pleasure in
donning claret-hued silk pyjamas,
especially if you have a long
mirror in your bedroom. So
that many times have I been on
the verge of purchasing these
and other articles of masculine
wear. But the thought of timid-
ly asking the price, of saying in
a strangled whisper, "only one
pair, please," or of ordering less
than two dozen collars or pairs
of socks, has always overwhelm-
ed me.

In the past I have been there
for ties and hats and shirts, but
never did I enter or leave with-
out feeling that something was
wrong with my dress; that my
cheeks were unshaven, my cuffs
were frayed, or that I was not
entirely the opulent person who
was expected to patronise the
"establishment." Super-
cilious smirks deterred me from
asking to see materials for shirt-
ings, to "look round," as I love to
in any shop, and I felt that I had
no right to be there at all.

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he had overdrawn his account or

wore "dicky" shirts and ready-
made ties.

At Home this could never hap-
pen, even in those Bond Street or
Savile Row "gentlemen's par-
lours," where you are "cut,"
sartorially, but not personally.
Fashionable emporiums out
East which seek to imi-
tate the Gieves, Poole's,
Scholte's, and Davies of London,
would extend their business by
leaps and bounds, I feel sure, if
only they would import a few
salesmen who know how to
make one feel at home and do
not underline in their manner the
visible signs of one's poverty.
The "democratic" atmosphere of
the East, one feels, is bad for the
social complexions of some of us,
giving to men who cannot justify
the change a distorted sense of
values.

News in Brief.

New regulations for hawkers are
published in the Government
Gazette.

A list of Justices of the
Peace is published in the Govern-
ment Gazette.

A boy, Cheung Kam, aged one
year, was yesterday taken to the
Government Civil Hospital suffer-
ing from scalds to his head and
face. It is stated that the lad
pulled a pot of hot soup off a table.

Injured through falling down a
hole in the companion way of the
s.s. Chen Kiang, which is lying at
the Taikoo Dockyard undergoing
repairs, Chan Ah-san (48) employ-
ed as a cook, died shortly after-
ward.

It is notified that at the ex-
piration of three months from date
the Tat Chee Steamship Company,
Limited will, unless cause is shown
to the contrary, be struck off the
Register of Companies, and be
dissolved.

His Majesty the King has not
been advised to exercise his power
of disallowance with respect to the
following Ordinance:—Ordinance
No. 28 of 1930.—An Ordinance to
impose Duties in respect of admis-
sion to Entertainments.

Admitted to the Government Civil
Hospital at 10.30 p.m. yesterday,
a married woman, Li To Chuen-ho,
aged 25 years, died at 11.20 p.m.
from the effects of opium poison-
ing, which she is alleged to have
taken at 7, Kam Wah Street.

Stated to have been unable to
walk, a Russian man, whose name
is at present not known, was re-
moved to the Government Civil Hos-
pital from the Kowloon Canton
Railway Station yesterday. He
had arrived by train from Canton,
and had a letter written by a
European doctor in which it was
requested that he be taken to hos-
pital.

Fearing political intimidation in
Heung Shan, his native district,
Siu Wah, (49), a retired military
officer, attempted to commit suicide
by jumping off the Mongkok ferry
Man Lok yesterday. He was
rescued by boat men in the vicinity
and taken to hospital. A letter
which he had left behind set forth
the reasons he had for desiring to
take his life.

UNION CHURCH.

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES
TO KOWLOON.**

AUSPICIOUS GATHERING.

There was a large attendance at
an "At Home" held in the Kow-
loon Union Church Hall last night,
when congratulatory messages
were voiced on the completion and
official opening of the New Union
Church in Jordan Road on April
10. Vocal selections were rendered
by the male voice choir of the
South Wales Borderers, with the
kind permission of Lt.-Col. R. F.
Gross, D.S.O.

Mr. J. P. Warren presided over
the gathering and among those
present were the Minister (the
Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A.), the
Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev.
C. R. Duppuy, D.D.), the Rev. W.
Walton Rogers (Vicar of St. An-
drew's Church), the Rev. E. G.
Powell (Minister of Union Church,
Hong Kong), the Rev. Frank Short,
the Rev. H. Gless, Pastor Cheung
(Hop Yat Church) and Mr. F. C.
Mow Fung (President of the Kow-
loon Residents' Association).

Bishop's Wishes.
Addressing those present, his
Lordship said:—
Mr. Johnston, Ladies and Gentle-
men.—No one can know Kowloon
without being impressed with the
great developments that are taking
place.

Looking back over ten years,
Kowloon is, without question, a very
different place to what it was then.

I used to regard going out to the
Victoria Home as a run into the
country, and I remember, on more
than one occasion, a little vernacular
day school we had on the way there
being robbed because it was so
isolated.

We may not foretell the future,
but if the present rate of develop-
ment is maintained, Kowloon will
again be a different place in ten
years' time. "I believe in Hong
Kong," Sir Paul Chater more than
once said to me. He meant, of
course, the whole Colony—he be-
lieved that the developments which
are taking place would be maintain-
ed.

I have often thought of the
splendid faith of the early pioneers
out here—and as one living in
what I suppose is probably the
oldest house in the Colony, I am
more reminded especially of the
large vision and bold faith of
Vincent Stanton, who was respon-
sible both for the building of the
Cathedral and St. Paul's College.
These pioneers planned largely and
they planned well.

I am sure that so long as he lives
it will bring joy to the heart of
Mr. Johnston that during his minis-
try out here he has seen the erection
of this Church, and that all you
who have been his co-workers will
share with him in that joy.

I often wondered as I used to see
Sir Paul Chater in St. Andrew's
Church whether there did not come
to him at times a sense of great joy
at having given to the congrega-
tion their spiritual home. And
now, again, his munificence has
made possible the building of the
Union Church, Kowloon, to be for
you a spiritual home, a place around
which will centre some of the most
sacred experiences of life. I offer
you, from my heart, congratulations
and wish you God-speed in all the
work that shall be done here.

I cannot conclude without adding
a personal word. Both as a fellow-
minister and a brother-Mason I
have known Mr. Johnston well dur-
ing the seven years he has been in
Hong Kong. I want to say to Mr.
Johnston that I have been grateful
to him for his friendship and help
during the time he has been among
us and I wish him and his
God's richest blessing for the days
to come.

Other Greetings.
Pastor Cheung delivered a
speech in Chinese, which the Rev.
F. Short translated.

Mr. C. C. Hickling eulogised the
labours of Rev. Mr. Johnston dur-
ing his seven years of Ministry
in Kowloon.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, speaking
on behalf of the Kowloon Resi-
dents' Association, gave a com-
prehensive review of the vast de-
velopment of Kowloon during the
past few years.

The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, the
Rev. E. G. Powell, and the Rev. H.
Gless were among others to ex-
press congratulations.

**RADIO
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.**

The following programme will
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Orchestra—Prelude to Act 1 (Verdi),
Traviata—Prelude to Act 3 (Verdi),
Philharmonic Symphony
Orchestra (6904).

Song—
Lucresia Borgia—Drinking Song—
It's Better to Laugh (Donizetti),
Sigrid Onegin, Contralto
(1937).

Pianoforte Solo—
Variations on Themes from Carmen
(Bizet-Horowitz),
Valdimir Horowitz (1927).

Duet—
Lucia—Why Lament Ye!
(Donizetti),
Beniamino Gigli-Ezio Pinza
(8906).

Song—
Barbiere di Siviglia—Dawn With
Her Rosy Mantle (Rossini),
Barbiere di Siviglia—If My Name
You Would Know (Rossini),
Tito Schipa, Tenor (1189).

7.30-8.10 p.m.—Musical Comedy
& Light Opera.
Sons o' Guns—Selections,
New Mayfair Orchestra
(C1982).

The Three Musketeers—Vocal Gems,
Light Opera Co. (C1890).
Blitter Sweet—Selections,
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra
(C1927).

Mister Cinders—Vocal Gems,
Light Opera Co. (C1895).
8.10-8.45 p.m.—
Trio in D Minor (Mendelssohn),
Coriot, Tibaldi & Casals
(DB1072-75).

8.45-9.30 p.m.—A Concert.
Piano Solo—
Nocturne a Raguse (Schelling),
Ignace Jan Paderewski
(6700).

Song—
A Perfect Day
(Carrie Jacobs-Bond),
The Rosary (Rogers & Nevin),
Rosa Ponsello, Soprano
(1098).

Violin Solo—
Pavane Song (Glinka Zimballist),
Waltz in C Flat (Chopin),
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CHRISTIAN CHINA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

HUMOROUS SPEECHES.

The eighth annual meeting of the National Christian Council of China commenced on Friday evening, April 10, 1931, in the spacious quarters of the hospital of the Church Missionary Society, Hongkong.

The first meeting was opened at 8.30 p.m. by the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Dr. Yi-fang, the President of Ginling College, Nanking. Dr. Yi-fang, also a Vice-Chairman, made a short speech of welcome. The evening was taken up in the main by a reception given to the National Christian Council by the past of the local church, under the leadership of Rev. L. Nybl, retired Anglican clergyman, for a number of numerous humorous speeches, the choir of the hospital sang; they were followed by a chorus from the "The Girls' School."

The second meeting was conducted by Dr. K. Y. Lo, Bishop Lindel of the Chairman, not having arrived. About a hundred delegates had been invited to the meeting, of whom most were present. The great majority of this group left Shanghai on Sunday morning in a specially chartered third-class car. Of these delegates, seventy represented 25 organisations, which have ratified the Constitution of the National Christian Council; four represented three groups who, whether have not ratified the Constitution, have appointed representatives to the meeting; eleven represented five groups who were invited to send representatives to a meeting; twelve were ex-officio members. There were also fifty visitors, including Dr. Paul Douglas, Director of the Laymen's Inquiry; Dr. J. L. Corley, representing the World Sunday School Association; and Dr. K. L. Butterfield, now in China on behalf of the International Missionary Council to study rural problems. Rev. Akira Kikawa is expected to

can young men be induced to join the Christian ministry? "How may Christians develop an adequate literature?" "What is Religious Liberty?" "What is self-support?" How may we promote the Church-centric ideal?"

Five speakers then dealt with the five Year Movement. All of them indicated that progress is being made in all the lines of this movement, particularly in concentrating the attention of the forces of the Church on its six objectives. The Church is re-organising itself around this programme. Mr. J. W. Hubbard referred to the progress made in the Christian campaign against illiteracy, which shows that this campaign is a vital factor in re-vivifying the Church. He gave several instances of churches which had been practically re-surrected as a result of their literacy campaign. During six years this campaign has been carried on in the Churches connected with the American Board in and around Paoingfu. In that time 30,000 students had been taught, and the membership of the churches increased seventy per cent.

The afternoon was given to statements by Rev. J. L. Corley, directing a deputation of the National Christian Council, now studying the problems of Religious Education in China, and Dr. Kenyon Butterfield, who came to China especially to promote rural reconstruction. Dr. Corley showed that the Christian forces in China are very poorly co-ordinated as regards the problem of Religious Education. Among other things received from the West is the unsatisfactory idea that education and evangelism are in some sense distinct. He urged the recognition of the fact that Religious Education has to do with the training of the whole man, in his relationships with God and his fellowmen. He said that the deputation in which he has been working hopes to set up a representative agency which may serve as a clearing-house and a co-ordinating group for a large portion of the Christian forces in China.

Religious Education. He urged that Religious Education is the fundamental purpose of the Church, and cannot be accomplished by an hour's attention on Sunday under teachers in the main inefficient. He urged that we must "destroy the material-institution-board-pulpit-minded attitude, and create in its place a life-centred attitude that measures the usefulness of all Church activities in the light of the actual help they are to living, growing folks."

Dr. Butterfield's speech was an earnest plea for the Christian forces to attempt to set up a Christian rural civilisation. He admitted the tremendous difficulties confronting such an attempt. What he called "aggravated urbanism" or an attitude of indifference to the exploitation of the rural folk and atheistic communism were noted as the two chief opposing forces in the building of Christian rural civilisation.

Rural Parishes. He urged that Christians in China should try to play their part in setting up a Christian rural civilisation, by organising rural community parishes! These he defined as villages within walking distance of each other, or within a radius of three to five miles, with a population that might vary from 10,000 to 15,000 people. He stressed the fact that none of the problems of such a community could be solved apart from each other. He suggested also that there should be a worship-centre to such a community. He made it quite clear that in addition to the building up the personal religious experience and promoting the redemption of individuals, both of which are essential to a complete community life, the Christians must also tackle the problems of setting up a Christian social order.

Community Salvation. He urged also that community salvation comes neither by isms nor fate, but of the service and love shown by Christians. It is quite evident that the Christian Church is trying to adapt itself to its new situation. It is facing its situation in China as never before, and slowly evolving an adequate programme. The Christian mind is becoming clarified both as to the dangers that threaten Christianity, and as to the demands of modern China upon its forces.

The mere scale of the production produced the necessity for getting such items as forty-five pairs of black and white cowboy leggings exactly alike, 220 Stetson hats of the same make and patterns, costing fifty dollars apiece and 250 Col's revolvers, an order which caused the Colt Arms company to wonder who was starting a revolution in southern California.

Untouched Problems. Dr. Corley outlined also certain aspects of untouched problems, which he put in the form of questions. "What is the Christian Message to China?" "How

ROUND THE CINEMAS

SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S PLAY ON THE SCREEN.

"STRICTLY UNCONVENTIONAL."

"Strictly Unconventional," an all-talking screen version of W. Somerset Maugham's play, "The Circle," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, proved itself to be even more entertaining as a cinema product than when it served as the co-starring vehicle for the late John Drew and Mrs. Leslie Carter.

No small share of this somewhat astonishing feat is due to the immensely interesting performances of a clever cast which includes the ever-to-be-relied-on Lewis Stone as Clive Champion-Cheyney; Alison Skipworth as Lady Kitty; Ernest Torrence as the swallow-tailed and monocular Lord Porteous (a riot of a role); Catherine Dale Owen as Elizabeth; Tyrrell Davis as her husband; Arnold Champion-Cheyney who ignores his wife's charm for the attractions of antique furniture; Paul Cavanagh, who attempts to make up for this error; and Mary Forbes as Mrs. Sherston whose efforts to patch up the breach between Arnold and Elizabeth only serve to make the situation more complicated.

When it is recalled that Lady Kitty had run away with Lord Porteous thirty years before and returns to visit her husband, Clive, in time to be used as "the awful example," it can be seen how riotously funny a satire this picture really is.

"THE LAUGHING LADY."

Besides being a well-known director of Paramount New Show World productions, Victor Schertzinger is a composer of music.

In "The Laughing Lady" starring Ruth Chatterton, which Schertzinger directed, two of his songs, "Delphine" and "One Kiss," will be heard as incidental music in the picture.

Schertzinger's favourite instrument is the violin but he is equally at home at a piano. Between scenes at the Paramount Long Island studio, where this all-talking picture was filmed, he frequently seated himself at the piano and aided in arranging orchestrations for the musicians.

Among Schertzinger's better known compositions are "Marcheta," "Just an Old Love Song" and many picture hit songs, including the musical score for Maurice Chevalier's latest picture, "The Love Parade," which Ernst Lubitsch directed at Paramount's West Coast studio.

Supporting "The Laughing Lady" are many well-known stage and screen actors including Clive Brook, Dorothy Hall, Betty Bartley, Nat Pendleton, Hubert Druce, Lillian B. Tonge, Raymond Walburn, Marguerite St. John, Nedra Harrigan, Dan Healy, Joe King, and Alice Hegeman. The picture is now showing at the Central Theatre for the last time to-day.

"THE DEVIL'S HOLIDAY."

New roles for old! Nancy Carroll, petite and charming Irish colleen who captivated old and young with her comedienne parts in "Sweetie" and "Honey," will be seen and heard in an entirely new type of screen portrayal when she comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow in "The Devil's Holiday."

In this picture of modern life in America's wheat-belt, Miss Carroll is a gold-digging manicurist who works hand-in-hand with plotting salacious of farm implements in putting over their deals with unsuspecting farmer prospects.

Much of the action takes place in a big hotel, the rendezvous for wealthy farmers and tricky city folks.

Miss Carroll tries her bunco game on Phillips Holmes, son of the wheat-king of that region, and later regrets her shameful trickery when she discovers that he loves her.

The play is charged with dramatic dynamics and stirring emotional scenes. Miss Carroll, as the central, starring figure, has to carry much of the highly explosive burden of acting. How does she stamp her as an eminent genius in this type of role.

Those who have been wanting to see Miss Carroll in a dashing emotional part will surely be pleased.

"WHOOPEE."

It is no cinch to costume a production the size and lavishness of "Whoopie," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical sensation, starring Eddie Cantor, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. Many of the costumes designed by John Harkrider, in charge of costuming "Whoopie," cost well toward a thousand dollars and had to be manufactured as carefully as a wedding dress.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances, Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels; Dinner Dances, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Animal Crackers." Theatre; To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Strictly Unconventional." Theatre; To-day—Central Theatre; "Laughing Lady." Theatre; To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Great Gabbo." Theatre; To-day—World Theatre; "Last Performance" and "Hold Your Man."

Lammert's Auctions.

Tuesday—At Sales Room, blackwood and household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
April 23, 24 and 25—At Station Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 11.30 a.m.

Land Sales.

Monday—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Tai Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Jefferson), 5 p.m.

Meeting.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 13.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES "OVERCROWDED."

Sir M. Sadler Arouses Controversy.

DIVIDED OPINIONS.

Controversy has been aroused in educational circles by the suggestion of Sir Michael Sadler that some of the British Universities are becoming overcrowded.

An excessive number of students, said Sir Michael, were an impediment to effective intellectual work. Some of the raw material delivered to the Universities was insufficiently trained for the sort of work which the University student ought to undertake.

"You can drench a country," he said, "with too strong a dose of B.A.s."

Inquiries revealed disagreement among educational authorities, but employers of University graduates were agreed that the past standard had been mainly satisfactory from their point of view, and that it would be unfortunate if the standard of general education implied by a University degree were to be appreciably lowered. Following are some of the views expressed to a representative of the Morning Post:

Dr. Cyril Norwood (Headmaster of Harrow School): I am quite in agreement with Sir Michael Sadler. The universities are only useful to people who are fitted for them.

Sir John Gilbert (Chairman of the L.C.C. Education Committee): My impression in the case of London is that the development of advanced courses in the secondary schools has tended to send not only a larger number of students to the university, but students who are better qualified educationally.

The London University Appointments Board: No doubt an uncontrolled increase in the number of University students would make it impossible to find satisfactory employment for all of them, but there is no sign at present that that position has been reached. Our experience is that there is an increasing appreciation of their services both among business employers and in almost every branch of national life.

Oxford and Cambridge. A prominent Cambridge University official said that the University was full, but it was not too full, and the various College authorities had definitely set their faces against accepting more students than the staff could deal with. There was a time just after the war when the charge of overcrowding might with some justice have been levelled at Cambridge, but that had now passed away.

While the slightly higher standard that is demanded in the entrance examination at Oxford, as compared with other Universities, helps to diminish the number of candidates for admission, the problem of increased numbers has been and still is a pressing one, it was stated.

Many colleges have been obliged to extend their premises within the last few years, but the teaching staff of the University has been increased in equal proportion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DANCE.

A BENEFIT DANCE, arranged by the Warrant Officers and Other Ranks of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, will be held in the Garrison Lecture Hall, Wellington Barracks, on SATURDAY, April 25, 1931, commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

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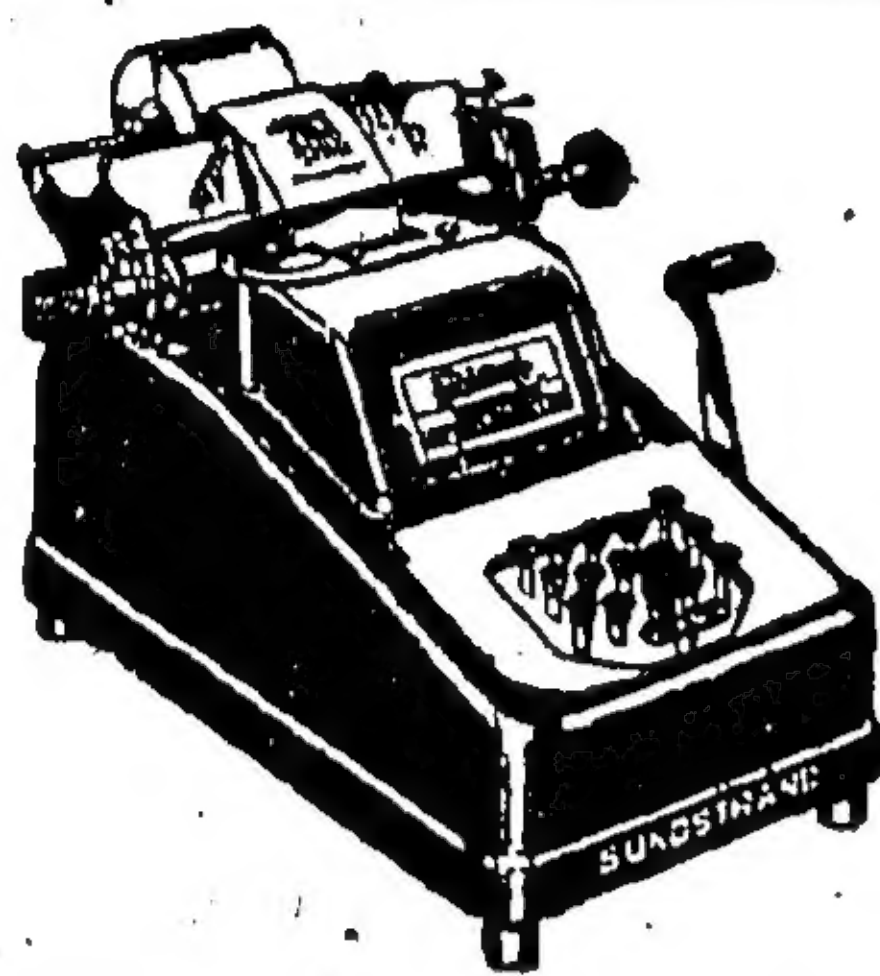
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ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

RIFLE MEETING.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., state:—

PARADES.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade at the Music Room, City Hall, on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. sharp, for Band practice.

There will be a meeting of the Band Rifle Club at the Miniature Range on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Engineer Company.

Miniature Range Shoot at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Monday.

The Company will furnish a team to compete in the Hong Kong Rifle League at an early date to be notified later.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s only at Headquarters on Monday at 5.30 p.m.

There will be no parades until further notice.

Motor Cycle Section.—Parade at 5.30 p.m. for Instructional Drive or if wet for practice in Map Reading and Message Writing.

Machine Gun Company.

N.C.O.'s and Recruits classes will be held every Tuesday at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. in mufti with belts and side-arms under C.S.M. Slattery until further orders.

The Miniature Range will be at the disposal of the M.G. Company all Tuesday nights for musketry instruction, O.C. M.G. Company will advise later the dates required for Kennedy Road Range.

The Company Rifle Club will hold the next meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 9.30 a.m. on the Peak Range. The Company Commander's Cup and Individual Spoon Shoots will be held but there will be no competition for the Inter-Section Cup. The Peak Range is at the disposal of O.C. M.G. Company on the first Sunday of every month as hitherto until further notice.

M.G. Part II. will be fired on Sunday by all of the M.G. Company who have not yet fired. Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Scottish Company.

Individual Machine Gun. Instruction at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

M.G. Part II. Casuals will fire with M.G. Company.

Portuguese Company.

No. 12A Platoon will parade at Headquarters on Friday at 5.30 p.m. sharp for passing out tests from Recruits stage.

Dress:—Optional, but belts, rifles and bayonets must be brought.

The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:—

I.—Battery.
II.—Corps Signals.
III.—Machine Gun Troop.
Rifles and Bayonets.

All rifles and bayonets must be returned at once to Corps Stores in a clean condition. Any defects must be reported when handing in.

Command.

Lieutenant J. F. Wright will assume command of the Armoured Car Company, Car Section, vice Captain A. M. Thornhill (sick) with effect from April 6.

Musketry and M.G. Casuals. All Officers Commanding Units are informed that Stonecutters Range has been asked for on April 26 for use by the Corps to complete Casuals in Rifle and Machine Gun.

O's.C. Units will forthwith notify the Adjutant of the number in each category who have yet to

fire to complete their course for 1930-31, to facilitate arrangements.

Returns.

Officers Commanding Units will please render to Headquarters by noon on the last Friday in each month a return showing:—

(a) The names of those in their Unit who are on leave on that date.

(b) Any change of address which has taken place during the month. O's.C. Units are particularly asked to render this return by the hour stated, so as to ensure the accuracy of Office returns.

Individual members are reminded of their responsibility in notifying any changes of address.

Transfer.

No. 1121 Sergt. G. E. L. Johnson, No. 3 Platoon, is transferred to Engineer Company and reverts to the ranks with effect from today's date.

Struck Off The Strength.

Having completed 3 years' service:—No. 1218 Pte. M. V. F. Neves, No. 9 Platoon, as from March 28.

Permitted to resign:—No. 1530 Spr. N. J. Bebbington, Engineer Company, as from March 26.

Strength.

The following have been taken on Corps Strength:—

No. 1687 Pte. A. Jackson, No. 3 Platoon.

No. 1688 Pte. J. L. Tetley, No. 3 Platoon.

No. 1689 Spr. W. E. Allan, Engineer Company.

No. 1690 Piper C. F. Andrews, No. 6 Platoon.

Leave.

Captain K. S. Morrison, Reserve of Officers, granted 1½ months' leave from April 15, 1931, to March 31, 1932.

No. 309 C.Q.M.S. G. H. Cuthill, No. 6 Platoon, granted 9 months' leave from March 29 to December 28.

No. 1346 Pte. O. E. C. Marton, No. 1 Platoon, granted 8 months' leave from March 28 to November 28.

W. H. G. GOATER, Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE.

(1) A copy of Rules, Hong Kong Area Sports Board, Billiards 1931-32 has been posted on Corps Notice Board.

(2) There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at Headquarters at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

TALKIE TALKS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

had better sit back and be prepared to cheer this wonderful little lady.

Can you imagine "East Lynne" being a riot? Well it is, with Anne Harding, Clive Brook, and Conrad Nagel—The melodrama our grandmothers loved has come to life as a rarely beautiful and artistic production perfectly acted by the whole cast.

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Director William Beaudine took on the stiff job, he succeeded in keeping peace and in turning out a triumph of a war picture.

Charles Farrell at last married to Virginia Valli. There is not a fan who does not know he loved Janet Gaynor, but Virginia has been his "pal" for years, his best



Janet Gaynor.

critic, and she came between these two in their romance. All Hollywood knew Janet married Lydell Peck out of pique, when she was at the time engaged to Farrell. Well, to cut a long story short, Virginia and Charles are now on their honeymoon in Europe.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

Amoy Talma
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 20) President Adams

SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

Dairen and Amoy Tjisalak
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 24) Taiyu Maru

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 27) President Gra
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Straits Sirdhana
Amoy and Swatow Van Heutsz
Java and Manila Tjisaroca

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Mar. 26 and Parcels, Mar. 19) Comorin

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 4) President Tolon
Japan Kamo M
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 2) Chichibaru

OUTWARD MAILS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

Fort Bayard Wing Lee 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.

President Jefferson (Due Victoria, 22 May 5 and Europe via Siberia.)
Parcels pr. 18, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
Empress of Canada 3.30 p.m.
Proteus 4 p.m.

Manila
Saigon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden and Egypt

SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow 9 a.m.
Manila President Gans 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Straits 2.30 p.m.
Swatow & Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Swatow 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.

Heian Yru (Due Vancouver, B.C., May 11 and Europe via Siberia.)
Registration Apr. 20, 5 p.m.
Letters Apr. 21, 8.30 a.m.

APRIL 21.

Hoihow and Bangkok 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Yue Sang
Parcels Apr. 21, Noon.
Letters 1 p.m.
Ho Ning 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Archises 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, May 23.)
Top Sang 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island Changte (Due Thursday Island, May 2.)
Parcels Apr. 22, 11 a.m.
Registration 11.45 a.m.
Letters 12.30 p.m.
Bokuyo Maru 10.30 a.m.
Tai Yuan 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Straits Van Heutsz 10.30 a.m.
Amoy Sui Sang 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Rajputana (Due Marseilles, May 22.)
G.P.O.

Parcels Apr. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Apr. 25, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

ALGERNON.

Algernoon stood among the crowd in Whitehall, watching the ladies and gentlemen going to the King's Masque. He was usually employed in carrying flaming torches along the narrow streets to light the way for those who walked abroad in the darkness, but, having heard strange stories concerning the King's Masque, he had neglected his duties that evening.



"Algernoon stood watching the ladies and gentlemen going to the King's Masque."

He did not like the new King. He had loved the old Queen Elizabeth better than anyone he had ever seen or heard of, but he had little respect for James of Scotland. She would have come out and waved her long jewelled hand to them; cracked a joke with the fat merchants; and walked freely with only a few splendid courtiers around her. But James 1st did none of these things.

"Bah!" said Algernoon. "He blackens his face and plays the Ethiopian before the Court, instead of paying actors to do it for him."

"The Queen herself be acting," said another voice. "Tis bad enough for a man to strut about

LAUGHING.

The leader of this game should be a fellow with a particularly hearty and infectious laugh. He sits in the middle of a ring of all those taking part, and when all are ready, tosses up a handkerchief.

Instantly he, with all the others, bursts into a loud laugh, and everyone continues to laugh as long as the handkerchief is in

on a public stage in woman's clothes, but 'tis a sin for a woman to play a part."

"One of the new order," whispered Algernoon to his neighbour. "A Puritan, methinks! Hey, my master, hold on to your ears! Perchance you will lose them for condemning the rightful pleasures of the people. Here comes a gallant after my own heart! Hey, a sprinkle from my lord's casting bottle!"

The young courtier, with his hair in a love-lock, and wearing three pairs of gloves one on top of the other, sprinkled Algernoon with a preventive against the plague which he carried in a jewelled bottle hanging from a chain round his neck. Then he passed in to the Masque.

For hours Algernoon lingered there, and, when the merriment was at its height and supper was announced, that which he had hoped for all the evening actually came to pass.

The King's guests were so numerous, and so many had pushed their way in uninvited, that the supper tables were overturned in the rush, and there was a general scramble for the food. Algernoon, with others, pushed into the banquet hall, for the very Guards were feasting, and forced his way to the front. Turkeys, sugar sweetmeats, quince pies, capons, peacocks, ginger, cloves, leversets, violet buds, rosemary in jelly, and such dainties as Algernoon had never seen, were scattered on the ground, on the window seats, and on the chairs. And lords and ladies, foreign ambassadors, soldiers, and Algernoon supped as best they could!

Algernoon had never supped better, and he took the precaution of filling his pockets and hat. Even when the young courtier wearing three pairs of gloves handed him, with an air of intense disgust, a ewer of rose water in which to dip his hands, Algernoon only laughed.

"My lord, I do not sup with the King every night," he said. "And, by Saint George, he has a pretty taste in food, even if 'tis served on the floor in very mixed company!"

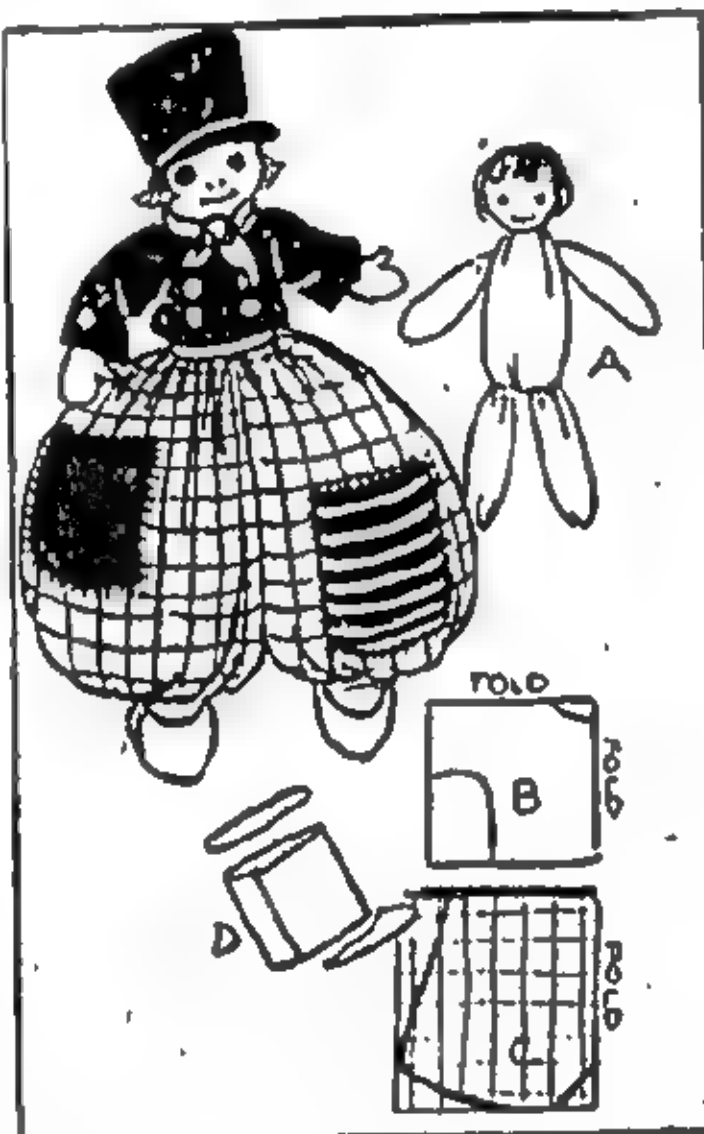
WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS

Making A Dutch Doll.

"Dutch Boy Hans" is a jolly toy which you can easily make as a present for Small Sister. You can use all sorts of gay-coloured scraps from the piece-bag for his clothes, and his head, body and limbs are stuffed with cut-up rags or kapok.

The head is a circle of flesh-coloured material, five inches across. Run a gathering-thread round the edge, pull up slightly to form a bag, and fill tightly with stuffing. Pull up, and, when you have a nice, round ball, fasten off firmly, and work in the features with embroidery thread. Black shoe-buttons will do for the eyes, and the nose and mouth must be worked in red. Yellow wool sewn in loops over the head will suggest hair!

A piece of material five inches wide and six inches long, is joined



The "Dutch Boy Hans" Doll for your small sister. Dressmaker tells you how to make it.

ed into a tube for the body. Sew up one end, fill tightly, then sew up the other end. Join this to the head, and make four smaller stuffed tubes for arms and legs. Diagram A shows you the doll with all the limbs assembled.

And now for the clothes! Diagram B shows the shape to cut the little coat, which can be made of bright red or blue material. Diagram C shows the check trousers, cut very full, with contrasting patches sewn on the knee and side, as shown in the sketch. An elastic threaded through the upper hem will keep the trousers in place, and you should thread elastic through each leg hem too. Four little buttons on the front of the jacket will look smart, and a wee neckerchief should be knotted round the throat.

Diagram D shows the three pieces which make the jaunty peaked cap; perhaps you have a scrap of black felt, cut from an old felt hat, which you could use for this?

You can sometimes buy wee wooden "sabots" for a few pence from a toy-shop, and these will finish off the doll's feet beautifully; or you can make imitation sabots from scraps of yellow casein cloth, stitched roughly into shoe-shape, and fastened to the ends of the legs.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

THE GRASSHOPPER'S BALL.

The Grasshopper's ball is a date to remember. It always takes place on the first of September!

Arrangements, however, begin straight away. So I've no doubt the dancing will go with a sway!

You can hear the band practising any fine day, conducted as usual by Mr. Blue Jay.

The Grasshoppers play all the first violins. With the solos reserved for the Miss Cricket twins.

Young Mr. Bumble Bee beats the big drum. And the Yellow Wasp Chorus joins in with a hum.

The songs are selected by Theodor Thrush. And Miss Butterfly's classes are always a crush.

She teaches, of course, the very best dancing. And never allows any hopping or prancing!

Her Butterfly pupils all hover and glide. The Beetles are taught a most dignified stride.

The Ladybird's Crawl, the new dance of the year, is a stately slow-motion, dream-like and severe.

But young Mr. Dragon Fly, down by the pond, is teaching his pupils the Gay Vagabond!

They jig and they jump, and they twist and they dart—Such antics will break poor Miss Butterfly's heart.

Old Mr. Field Mouse does conjuring tricks. And hides all his secrets in scented hay racks.

As evening approaches he creeps there and tries To twiddle his whiskers while shutting his eyes.

And balancing berries ten at a time, Just like the clown at a fine pantomime.

Oh, everyone's anxious to shine at the ball, To see the new fashions, to watch the new crawl,

To hear the new songs, and to witness the Snail Making elegant curves with his exquisite tail.

So in hedge and in ditch, and in tree and in field, They're all getting ready to win the Prize Shield.

Oh, the Grasshopper's ball is a date to remember, It always takes place on the first of September!

THE HUMAN SPIDER.

Roughly 130 miles from Barcelona lies the dream island of Mallorca, or Majorca, and here dwells the man whom we will call "The Human Spider", for he spins as fine a web as any insect!

This man spins from palm fibre the string which is so necessary to the daily life of the Majorcans. From it they make the soles of their shoes, the seats of their chairs, and often the curtain coverings for their open doorways.

The "Human Spider" works in a stretch of land about a hundred yards long, and we call him the "Spider" because he spins as

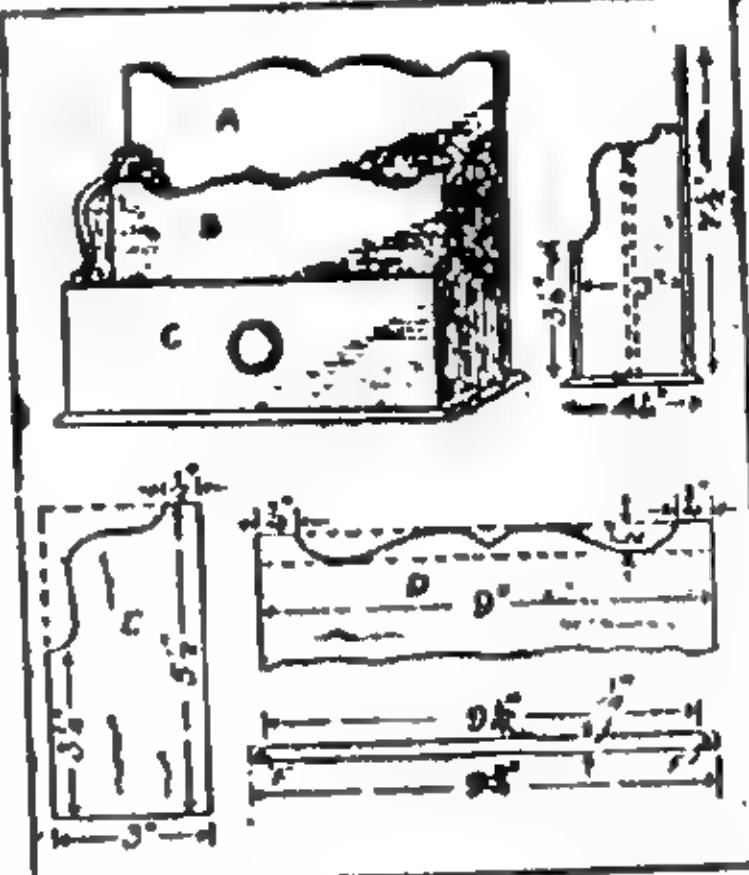
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

Making A Stationary Case.

This useful rack for notepaper and envelopes can be made with ordinary deal a quarter of an inch thick.

For the back part A, saw a piece of wood nine inches long and seven and a half inches wide, and plane the edges square. Make the centre division B eight and a half inches long and five and a half inches wide; plane this on both sides, and plane the edges square. The front part C is nine inches long and three and a quarter inches wide.

After marking out the shape of the curved top on the back part, as shown in diagram D, cut



You can make a useful stationary rack like this if you read Carpenter's instructions and study the diagrams.

this out with a fret-saw. Cut the top of part B to the same pattern and, after removing any roughness with a chisel, rub the three parts all over with fine glasspaper. The two sides are cut to the dimensions given at E, the top front corners being cut with a fretsaw to the shape shown.

The base is nine and three-quarter inches long and four and a quarter inches wide. Plane this on both sides and then, with a small plane, carefully bevel the top edge all round to an angle of forty-five degrees, as shown at F. Smooth all over with fine glasspaper.

In assembling the parts, fix the back and front to the side pieces with glue and fine wire nails. Next fix the base in position with five-eighth-inch brass screws driven in from underneath. Countersink the holes in the base for the screws. Before pressing the centre division in place, smear a thin layer of glue along the bottom edge, and then fix it to the side pieces by fine wire brads. About four in each side will be sufficient.

Give the case a final rub over with fine glasspaper, glue a flat circular wooden ornament in the centre of the front as shown in the first diagram, and give the whole a coating of cellulose paint or enamel.

The Hut Carpenter.

he walks, leaving behind him a line of perfect thread.

He is a very fast worker, for he spins a yard of thread every second. He carries a bundle of grassy fibre, like coarse hair, swathed round and round his body until he looks like a walking cocoon. The thread is hitched to a rough wheel and the "Spider" walks slowly away from it.

As the spinner walks, his fingers play about the cocoon like those of a violinist on the strings of his instrument, and there comes this thin line of fine twine which is ultimately made into string.

It is impossible for these spinners of Marjorca to teach their craft to outsiders, just as it would be for a spider to teach a bluebottle how to make a web for himself. For they and their ancestors have been spinning in the open air for more than six hundred years, and hardly know themselves how they manage to spin so miraculously.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

"Faltered" was the word hidden in last week's puzzle. F— altered! See? And, if you solved the puzzle correctly you found that F was the first letter of 'I' down; A the first of 8 down; L the third of 11 across; T the third of 9 down; E the first of 15 down; R the first of 20 down; E the last of 5 down; and D the last of 17 down. Answer: — Faltered. Full solution of puzzle:—

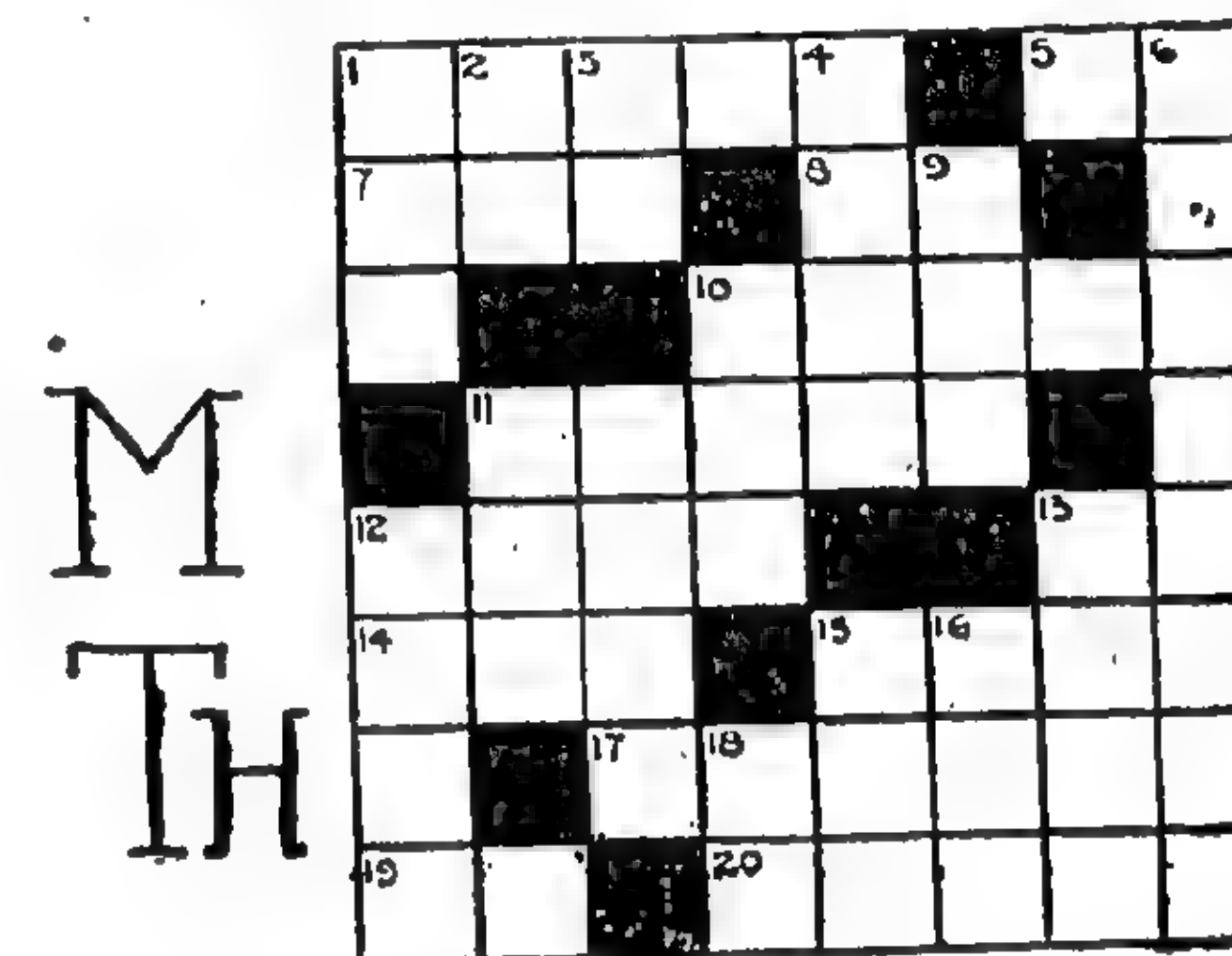
Across.

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| 3. An agreement | (Pact). |
| 7. Part of a railway track | (Rail). |
| 10. As well | (Too). |
| 11. Lubricated | (Oiled). |
| 12. Not down | (Up). |
| 13. Conjunction | (Or). |
| 14. Mischievous kind of fairy | (Imp). |
| 16. Exclamation | (Ah). |
| 18. About | (Re). |
| 19. Not small | (Large). |
| 21. Hotel | (Inn). |
| 23. Cotton spool | (Reel). |
| 24. Cease | (Stop). |

Down.

- | | |
|----------------------|------------|
| 1. To and | (Pro). |
| 2. Nothing | (Nil). |
| 4. Preposition | (At). |
| 5. Bravery | (Courage). |
| 6. Spinning toy | (Top). |
| 8. Illness | (Ailment). |
| 9. Allow | (Let). |
| 14. Flower | (Iris). |
| 15. Organ of hearing | (Ear). |
| 17. Contained | (Held). |
| 20. A colour | (Red). |
| 22. Negative | (No). |

This week the word is hidden in the usual way, and the arrangement of the letters at the side of the puzzle will probably suggest to you what that word is.



Clues:—

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Across. | Down. |
| 1. Brag. | 1. Wicked. |
| 5. Part of verb 'to be.' | 2. Upon. |
| 7. Insect. | 3. Preposition. |
| 8. Pronoun. | 4. Frohawk. |
| 10. Hidden word. | 5. School-children. |
| 11. Haughty. | 6. Conclusion. |
| 12. Snatch. | 10. Unruly crowd. |
| 13. French for 'he.' | 11. For. |
| 14. Large quantity. | 12. Flashed. |
| 15. Used on washing-day. | 13. Notion. |
| 17. Another insect. | 15. Title. |
| 19. Perform. | 16. Poem. |
| 20. Regions. | 18. Father. |

THE TINKER BELL CLUB.

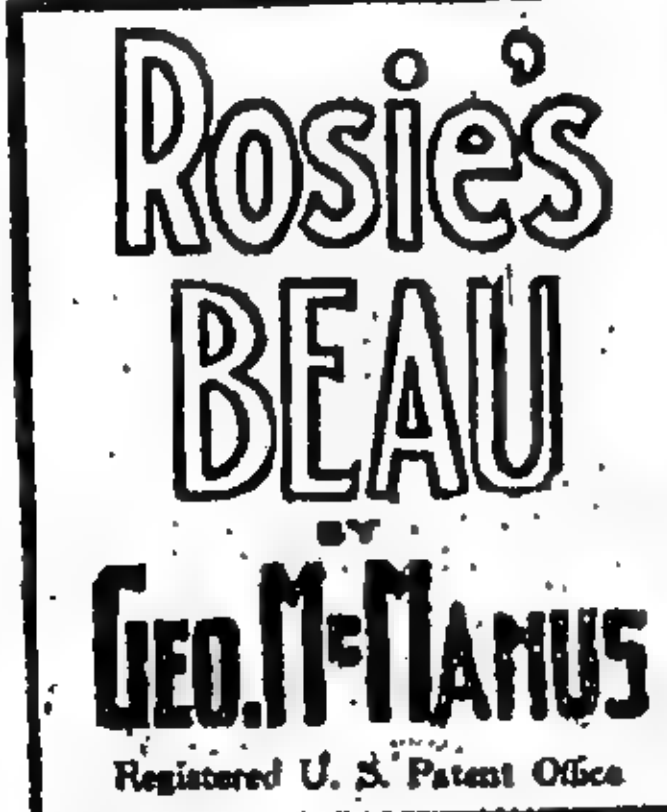
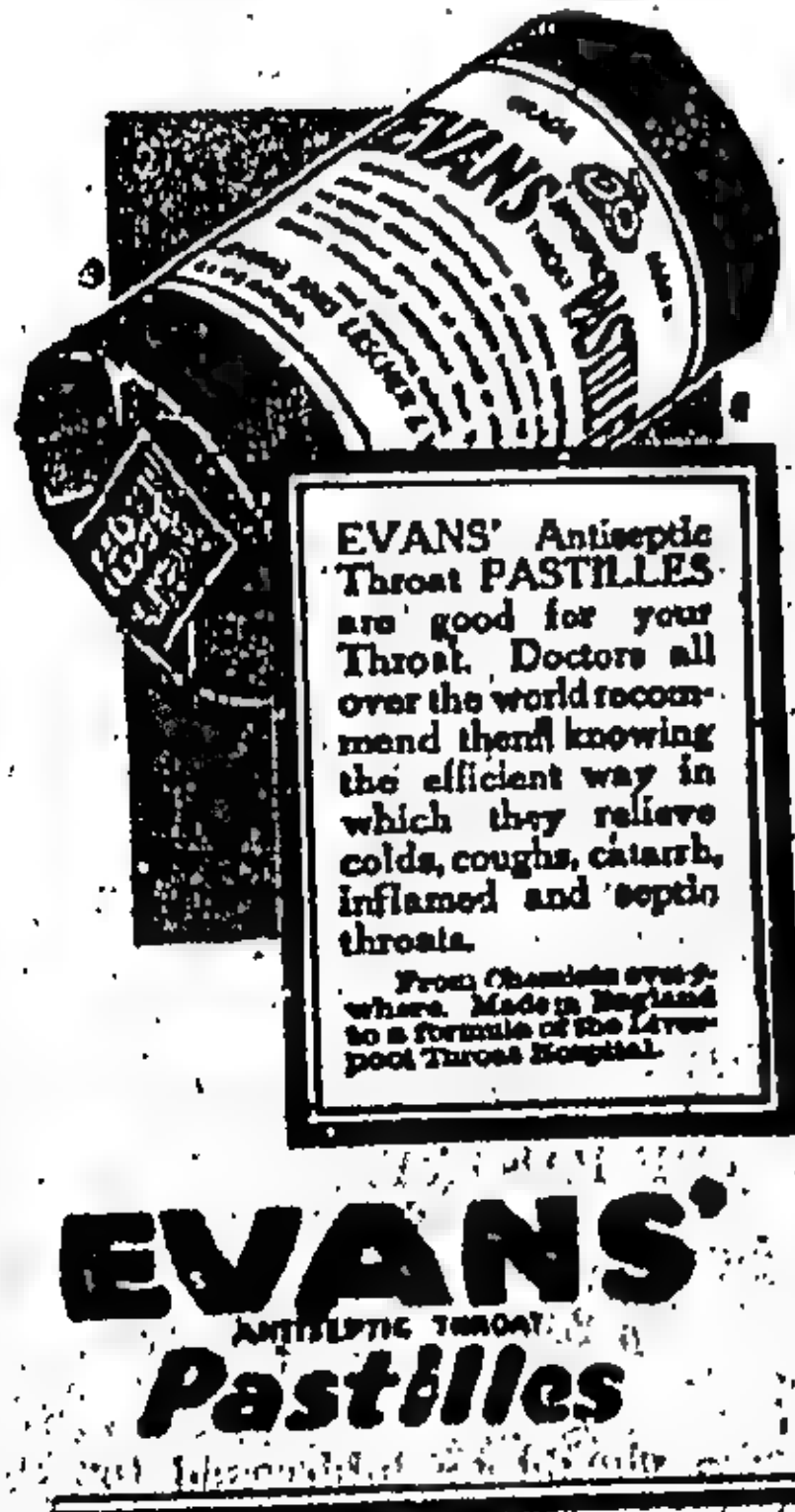
I want to become a member of the "Tinker Bell Club," and I promise to do one kind action every day. Please send me a "Tinker Bell" enrolment card.

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Age Date of Birthday

Cut this out, and send it to Tinker Bell, c/o The Editor, China Mail.



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LOCAL CRICKET STATISTICS.

Four Elevens Complete Their Season.

NEED FOR CONCLUSION.

Now that interest has died down in cricket circles owing to the Indian Recreation Club having captured the honours in both Leagues it would not be out of place to give the full results of the four Clubs which completed their fixture list on Saturday last. Other Clubs with matches in hand are now in a position to conclude their season, although, for the sake of promising players, I hope that this will not be the case. At the beginning of the season a programme of matches was drawn up and at the end of the season either the Captain of the XI, or the Secretary of the Club should be able to produce that list with the full results of every game. I sincerely hope that this will be the case this year, though I have my doubts. The matches which in the ordinary course of events would be regarded as League fixtures could be concluded in a more or less friendly light so as to allow the various players of promise to compete with their more fortunate rivals in the local averages.

LEAGUE I. CHAMPIONS.

The following are the full results of the Indian Recreation Club during the present League cricket season:—
Played 7: W: 5: D: 1: L: 1.
v. University—Won by 8 wickets.
v. H.K.C.C.—Drawn.
v. R.A.—Won by 2 wickets.
v. Navy—Won by 3 wickets.
v. C.S.C.C.—Won by 9 wickets.
v. K.C.C.—Won by 97 runs.
v. C.C.C.—Lost by 74 runs.
The Indians have scored 1,117 runs for the loss of 59 wickets, giving an average of 19 runs per wicket. Their opponents have scored 753 runs for the loss of 111 wickets—an average of 11 runs per wicket.

Four sides have topped the century mark (University, H.K.C.C., R.A. and C.C.C.) against the Indian attack and only one side (the C.C.C.) has been able to dismiss them for two figures.

The following are the batting and bowling averages:—

Batting.				
	Inns.	R.	H.S. N.O. Aver.	
F. D. Pereira	6	142	57	28.40
A. H. Madar	7	138	59	26.86
S. A. Ismail	7	175	71	25.00
A. A. Rumjahn	6	122	40	21.40
A. H. Rumjahn	6	85	25	20.50
O. Ismail	6	80	45	20.00
A. K. Minu	6	105	54	17.50
A. R. Minu	6	55	37	9.16

The following also batted: J. S. A. Curreen 6, 9, 2; B. K. Iranee 0, 2; A. el Arculli 1, 0, 21, 3, 3; J. M. A. Rumjahn 0, 25; K. Nazarin 2, A. S. Ismail 8, A. Rahmin 6, 1* and F. M. el Arculli 4, 1.

The following also batted: J. S. A. Curran 0; B. R. France 0; A. el Arculli 1; 0, 21, 3, 3; J. M. A. Rumjahn 0; 25; K. Nazarin 2; A. S. Ismail 8; A. Rahmin 6; 1 and F. M. el Arculli 4, 1.

Bowling.
O. M. R. W. Aver.
F. D. Pereira ... 96.4 30 23 27 8.63
A. H. Madar ... 73 23 16 18 9.38
S. A. Ismail ... 11 2 38 4 9.50
A. el Arculli ... 19.3 4 60 6 10.00
The following also bowled: F. M. el Arculli 9—1—45—1; B. R. France 3—1—41—0; J. S. A. Curran 7—2—23—2; A. A. Rumjahn 8—2—52—2; J. M. A. Rumjahn 2—0—7—0; A. H. Rumjahn 2—0—10—2 and M. R. Abbas 2—0—2—0.

Fielding.

In the field 26 catches have been taken, J. A. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail claiming the honour of taking the most catches (7 each) during the season. The following have also made catches—O. Ismail 4; A. K. Minu 3; A. el Arculli (2); A. H. Rumjahn 1; A. H. Madar 1 and A. Rahmin 1. S. A. Ismail has stumped five and caught seven batsmen.

Few elevens will be able to boast of the record held by the Indian Recreation Club. The Kowloon Cricket Club have indeed failed miserably this season after a most successful season last year. The Civil Service Cricket Club, after a very satisfactory start, failed in their last two matches when striving for the position of runners-up. Only two of their batsmen showed anything like consistency and their attack was not as strong as was expected in the earlier part of the season.

In League II, the Civil Servants had a very successful season, thanks to all round solidity rather than individual prowess. They were unfortunate to strike a bad patch when playing the University, otherwise they might have concluded the season without suffering defeat. In defeating the Indians, the C.S.C.C. looked like carrying off the championship, but a drawn game against the Police broke their sequence of five successive victories, and a tie with the Recreation and a drawn game with the K.C.C. placed them further in arrears.

Below we append complete results of three elevens which have concluded their fixtures.

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

The following are the full results of the Civil Service Cricket Club during the League cricket season:—

Played 7: Won 3: Lost 3: Drawn 1.
v. C.C.C.—Won by 4 runs.
v. I.R.C.—Lost by 9 wickets.
v. Royal Navy—Won by 100 runs.
v. H.K.C.C.—Drawn.
v. R.A.—Won by 51 runs.
v. University—Lost by 5 wickets.
v. K.C.C.—Lost by 10 wickets.

The C.S.C.C. have scored 845 runs for the loss of 57 wickets, giving an average of 14.82 runs per wicket. Their opponents have scored 923 runs for the loss of 53 wickets—an average of 17.41 runs per wicket.

One team (I.R.C.) registered the double century against the C.S.C.C. attack and three sides (I.R.C., University and K.C.C.) dismissed the eleven for less than one hundred.

The following are the batting and bowling averages:—

Batting.				
	Inns.	R.	H.S.	N.O. Aver.
G. R. Sayer	6	183	69	30.5
F. J. de Rome	6	157	54	26.16
B. D. Evans	7	84	24	16.80
J. E. Richardson	7	83	48	11.85
F. Baker	5	35	27	6.75
F. H. Holdman	5	26	11	6.50
R. M. Wood	6	58	37	9.61

The following also batted:—R. Griffiths 0, 47; D. R. Kelly 11, 0, 1, 0

The following also batted:—H. Griffiths 0, 47; D. R. Kelly 11, 6; E. W. Hamilton 3, 0, 0, 3; D. McLellan 0, 27; H. E. Strange 0; H. E. Evans 0; E. B. Reed 10, 0, 1; F. J. Ling 0, 0, 0, 4; L. B. Holmes 0; R. H. Woodman 4; R. G. Robertson 0, 1; J. Barrow 19; F. E. Matthews 3.

Bowling.
O. M. R. W. Aver.
G. R. Sayer ... 3 0 12 2 8.00
F. J. de Rome ... 4 0 14 16 9.25
F. Baker ... 48.2 9 152 12 12.66
B. D. Evans ... 13 0 61 4 15.25
E. W. Hamilton ... 32.4 4 105 12 16.25
F. J. Ling ... 24 4 83 3 27.66
The following also bowled:—D. R. Kelly 11—55—F. G. Robertson 6—42—0; J. E. Richardson 7—3—36—0; F. J. de Rome 1—0—3—0; R. M. Wood 1—0—20—0; D. McLellan 6—1—32—0.

Fielding.

In the field 17 catches have been taken, J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood sharing the honour of holding the most catches in League matches. The following have taken catches during the season—J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood 4; G. R. Sayer 3; F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, B. D. Evans, P. J. Ling, D. R. Kelly and F. E. Matthews one each. F. H. Holdman stumped one batsman.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

The following are the full results of the Kowloon Cricket Club during the League cricket season of 1931:—
Played 7: Won 2: Lost 2: Drawn 3.
v. H.K.C.C.—Drawn.
v. I.R.C.—Lost by 97 runs.
v. Royal Navy—Lost by 9 wickets.
v. C.C.C.—Won by 91 runs.
v. R.A.—Drawn.
v. University—Drawn.
v. C.S.C.C.—Won by 10 wickets.
The K.C.C. have scored 901 runs for the loss of 39 wickets, giving an average of 23.10 runs per wicket. Their opponents have scored 568 runs for the loss of 49 wickets—an average of 19.71 runs per wicket.

Two teams (I.R.C. and Royal Navy) have been able to dismiss the side for less than three figures, and two elevens (Royal Navy and R.A.) have succeeded in registering the double century against the K.C.C. attack. The following are the batting and bowling averages:—

Bowling.					
	O.	M.	R.	W. Ave.	
F. Zimmermann	23.3	3	88	8	11.1
F. Goodwin	73	22	200	14	14.5
W. Brace	30.1	8	101	6	16.4
J. C. Lyal	56.3	7	199	9	22.2
W. C. Hung	19	3	65	2	32.2
E. F. Fincher	25	4	134	4	33.4
G. C. Burnett	21	1	99	2	49.4
F. S. W. Smith	(3-0-12-0)				all

bowled.

The following also batted: J. C. Lyl 6, 0, 6, 1; F. Goodwin 1, 2, 0; G. C. Burnett 0, 2, 4; R. A. Carroll 1, 3; R. G. V. Mead 7; H. Hampton 3; F. E. Skinner 2.

Bowling.

O. M. R. W. Aver.
F. Zimmermann ... 23.3 3 88 8 11.00
F. Goodwin ... 73 22 200 14 14.28
W. Brace ... 30.1 8 101 6 16.83
J. C. Lyl ... 56.3 7 199 9 22.11
W. C. Hung ... 19 3 65 2 32.50
E. F. Fincher ... 25 4 134 4 33.50
G. C. Burnett ... 21 1 99 2 49.50
F. S. W. Smith (3—0—12—0) also bowled.

Fielding.

In the field 21 catches have been taken, J. C. Lyl claiming the honour of taking the most catches in League matches. The following have held catches during the season—J. C. Lyl 4; N. A. E. Mackay 3; F. E. Lawrence, F. Zimmermann, E. C. Fincher 2; E. F. Fincher, Goodwin, W. C. Hung, H. Hampton, R. G. V. Mead, R. A. Carroll, W. A. R. Adams and F. Caveney one each. N. A. E. Mackay during the season stumped six batsmen and caught three.

LEAGUE II.

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

The following are the full results of the Civil Service Cricket Club during the 1931 League cricket season:—

Played 10: Won 6: Lost 1: Drawn 2.
v. C.C.C.—Won by 7 wickets.
v. I.R.C.—Won by 26 runs.
v. R.C.S.—Won by 124 runs.
v. H.K.C.C.—Won by 13 runs.
v. R.A.—Won by 7 wickets.
v. Police—Drawn.
v. R.A.S.C.—Won by 32 runs.
v. Recreation—Ended in a tie.
v. University—Lost by 4 wickets.
v. K.C.C.—Drawn.

The C.S.C.C. have scored 1,237 runs for the loss of 89 wickets, giving an average of 13.89 runs per wicket. Their opponents have scored 760 runs for the loss of 97 wickets—an average of 7.83 runs per wicket.

Only two sides (Police and University) have topped the century mark against the C.S.C.C. attack. Four elevens (H.K.C.C., R.A.S.C., Recreation and University) have dismissed the side for less than the century.

The following are the batting and bowling averages:—

Batting.				
	Inns.	R.	H.S.	N.O. Aver.
S. Randle	9	239	79	0 26.55
A. W. Grimmett	4	65	35	1 21.66
V. H. Freeman	4	62	55	1 20.66
W. H. Edmonds	3	28	23	1 14.00
H. E. Strange	10	110	31	2 13.75
D. R. Kelly	6	81	33	0 13.50
B. C. K. Hawkins	10	118	43*	1 13.11
F. E. Matthews	8	101	30	0 12.62
A. E. Wood	8	72	57	0 12.00
J. M. Wilson	9	88	27	0 9.77
J. Willmet	5	36	10	1 9.00
J. F. McGowan	9	74	23	0 8.22

The following also batted:—
 Strange, 1; G. R. Robertson 1;
 0, 7*; E. Hinesworth 0, 5*, 0;
 McCellan 45, 18; D. B. McCellan 45, 18;
 top 4; T. Carr 0; P. G. Murphy 0.

The following also batted:—C. Strange 0, 1; G. R. Robertson 1, 0, 0, 7; E. Hinchworth 0, 5, 0, 0, 2; D. McLellan 4, 18; D. M. McDougall 12; P. J. O'Neill 1; H. T. Bebbington 4; T. Carr 0; P. G. Murphy 0.

Bowling.

Bowling.				
	O.	M.	R.	W. Ave.
J. M. Wilson	5	0	9	4 2.
D. McLellan	13.2	3	32	7 4.
G. R. Robertson	22	6	42	9 4.
D. R. Kelly	40	10	53	14 5.
W. H. Edmonds	33.3	8	117	17 6.
B. C. K. Hawkins	29.2	2	77	10 7.
J. F. McGowan	75	23	156	20 7.
S. Randle	37.5	9	126	10 12.
A. W. Grimmett	8	2	31	2 15.
V. H. Freeman	(1—0—1—0) also			
bowed.				

Fielding.

In the field 36 catches have been taken, J. F. McGowan and S. Randle sharing the honour of having claimed the most wickets. The following have made catches this season:—J. F. McGowan and S. Randle 5; A. W. Grimmett 5; J. M. Wilson 4; D. R. Kelly 3; W. H. Edmonds, F. E. Matthews and B. C. K. Hawkins 2; H. E. Strange, A. E. Wood, V. H. Freeman, D. McLellan, E. Hinchworth and H. T. Bebbington one each. H. E. Strange has stumped five batsmen and caught one.

GREECE WINS SINGLES AND LOSES DOUBLES.

STILL AHEAD.

Athens, Yesterday.
In the first round of the Davis Cup, Garangiotis (Greece) defeated Matzka (Austria) 8-6, 8-6, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 after a gruelling game in the second singles match.
In the doubles match Artens and Haberl (Austria) beat Balli and Georgiadis (Greece) 5-7, 6-5, 6-4, 6-4—Renter.
Greece not less by two matches to one.

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DOES IT HELP TO PLAY GOLF WITH THE PROFESSIONAL?

EXAMPLE AND PRECEPT.

A few golfers were discussing the other day the wisdom or otherwise of playing golf with the club professional.

They were speaking from the standpoint of the long-handicap man. The scratch man does not experience the same heartburnings over the disparity between amateur and professional. It is the long-handicap man who is apt to be sensitive about his relative incompetence.

And there you have the answer to the question.

A golfer who feels so sensitive when matched against a better player that he cannot produce his shots has hardly the temperament that makes a match-winning player. The professional who has the effect of introducing these emotions can hardly be the most helpful kind of professional.

Normally a match between professional and long-handicap golfers should be a happy game.

Both adversaries should be careful—the professional because he has in real fear of losing, even with the handicap he carries, and the amateur because he can have no possible regrets over defeat, and because there is always the chance of victory following on unusual form.

The conditions of the match are perfect for adventurous golf.

That Temperament!

But many players are temperamentally better-suited to the dour, fighting game, with fortunes fluctuating and no mercy on either side.

The same, is true of the professional—especially nowadays.

Years ago the professional spent his time making clubs, selling balls, and giving lessons. Occasionally he played a match against some of the stronger club members who could give him a game. Even more occasionally he competed in open events for some small prizes.

There are still a large number of such professionals.

But big money prizes, especially in the United States, have changed all that. The professional who wins the "glittering prizes" of golf may become a comparatively rich man in a year.

One or two open championships may be worth \$10,000 in one way or another to their possessors, or even more.

In pursuit of these prizes a number of professionals are flourishing in tournaments throughout the year. Their names are continuous-

ly to the fore. To play with them—if you are a long-handicap man—is something of a privilege.

Dubious Advantage.

The advantage of playing with these "top flight" men may be dubious. It is undoubtedly good to see golf as it should be played, but whether an occasional round can improve the golf of a man who is not already something of a golfer is to be doubted. It is the man who is already a first-class player who benefits from a round with professionals of this class.

Apart from these great ones of the professional school there are even more professionals who carry on the old tradition—except that they are much busier men than the old professionals ever were.

Golf has grown tremendously during the last few years, and the professional now who devotes himself to teaching can give lessons for several hours every morning during the season, and have one or more assistants to help him. This intensive teaching is not good for the golf of the professional, though it may make him a much better teacher of golf.

To-day we have great professional golfers who may or may not be good teachers, and we have many excellent teachers who may or may not be in the first flight of golf.

The player who has a certain aptitude for golf, and who can learn by example rather than by teaching, may well play with one of the famous men of the professional world and cultivate a style without any actual lessons.

Marvellous Knack.

The player who takes to the game late in life, or who cannot easily learn by example and practice alone, should put himself in the hands of one of the professional teachers. Many of these men have a marvellous knack of picking out faults, and showing how to put them right.

A professional's ability as a teacher cannot be gauged by his success in competitions.

One thing is certain—golf must be learned either by the tuition of an expert or by the example of a first-class player.

If a golfer can find a professional whose ways fit in with his, and with whom he can play pleasantly, he should learn a great deal by example. Alternately, he can put himself into the hands of an expert teacher—a golfer who has sacrificed his own aptitude for the game to his aptitude for teaching others.—(China Mail Copyright).

WHY I HATE SPORT.

Frank Confession of Anti-"Socialism."
SOME HARD KNOCKS.

(By "Malach.")

It must have been that kick on the ankle. We were both playing three-quarter and my passing, I must admit, had been a bit faulty. But I was only just "up" from my Prep. School, where Rugby was taught by a master in pince-nez glasses who was known to write poetry in the privacy of his tiny bedroom, and I felt nervous and impotent among that formidable array of third and fourth-formers. Sebastian, on the other hand, was in his second year and the Head would always shake his head when he watched him play, and mutter "Mark my words, that boy will get his Blue one day." As a matter of fact, he did, and I daresay his picture is familiar to all of you who take in the illustrated weeklies.

In those days Sebastian was as fond of the "gallery" as he is now, and when I fumbled this pass from Perkins he knew that the Head was watching him with gimlet eyes, for this was an end-of-term House match and would make a deal of difference to the School reports. When a boy played badly something else always seemed to suffer; so that his French was "very poor," his Maths, "showing a lack of concentration," and his character, "a lack of application and diligence." Sebastian's father always reminded his sons of the School fees and, to emphasise their tendency to leap rather than jump, would inculcate the Principles of Good Behaviour with a length of rattan.

Having these factors in mind, Sebastian begrudged me my carelessness and gave me an artful, sideways kick on the ankle which incapacitated me from all games for a week.

Since then I have always regarded all forms of sports in which it is possible to injure your opponent with loathing. It is true that in tennis it is possible for the expert to land you a "beauty" in the eye, or in golf for an irate partner in a foursome to catch you a "crack" with the end of his club as a penalty for standing too near when he is addressing the ball. But this is so rare that I do not align these games in the above category.

So I never go to a football match and never read about it in the papers. But life is never complete unless it has a spice of irony. No, I have been compelled to write a weekly letter to my nephew, who is football "mad" for ... long enough to know more than most of you what a great game it really is—to the man who plays it!

YOUNG INDIAN'S RUNNING.

Splendid Time at One Hundred Yards.

VERY NEAR RECORD.

New Delhi, March 27.

R. Vernieux, a young Bengal-Nagpur Railway athlete from Kharagpur, won the 100 yards dash in 9 4/5 seconds to-day in the All-India inter-railway athletic meeting. This is a very remarkable achievement indeed if it can be relied on, and augurs well for the success of the teams which India is expected to send to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles next year.

Vernieux, who has won the 100 yards at Calcutta in 10 seconds, has, by improving on that timing to the extent of being only two-fifths of a second worse than the world's record, proved his claim to be considered the champion sprinter of India.

11.20 " J. R. Masson, E. J. Munro.
11.24 " A. Leach, D. S. Robb.
11.28 " A. W. Hay Edie, H. S. Clippindale.

LADIES' HOCKEY AT SOOKUNPOO.

H.K. and St. Andrew's in Opposition.
GOOD GAME EXPECTED.

This afternoon's match at Sookunpoo, between the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, the League champions of the Caer Clark Cup League, and St. Andrew's Ladies' Club, should attract a large crowd of spectators.

As is already known, the Hong Kong ladies have won the Caer Clark trophy with 13 points for seven matches played. The runners-up are the St. Andrew's ladies, who have captured ten points in seven matches played.

Hong Kong also covets the distinction of not being beaten as yet, but they have played in one drawn game—against the Recreio. St. Andrew's Club, on the other hand, possesses a fine team, but there is an inclination for the forwards to give M. Woolley, who plays at centre, too much work. More passing should bring better results in to-day's match. They will have to pull together as a team, and, if they can hold E. M. Donelan, then the rest should be quite easy.

This match, although not a decisive one, should produce some fine all round play, as both teams on paper appear to be well balanced. J. Smalley, who has played in goal for Hong Kong is again playing at full back. On their present form, Hong Kong should win.

It will be remembered that when Hong Kong met St. Andrew's on February 28 in their first League encounter they won by five clear goals.

The teams will line up as follows: St. Andrew's:—R. Rose, P. Woolley, J. Rogers, I. Gittins, M. White, I. Woolley, P. Gittins, M. Churn, M. Woolley, N. Field, E. Landolt, Reserve, J. Wong.

Hong Kong:—G. Little, E. Gray, J. Smalley, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen Hughes, M. Wallace, I. Bell, E. G. Ross, E. M. Donelan, C. Ferguson, M. Biehop.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

ATHLETICS—St. Joseph's College Sports.
CRICKET—Club v. Army on Club ground.

FOOTBALL—To-day—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final: Scotland v. China; Division I: Navy v. Recreio at the Stadium ground, Borderers v. Police at Kowloon at 4.30 p.m.; Division II: University v. Eastern on Club ground at 2.30 p.m.

HOCKEY—H.K.L.H.C. v. St. Andrew's Club at Sookunpoo; Y.M.C.A. II v. H.M.S. Midway at King's Park.

RACING—To-day—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Opening of League Season.
May 9—Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—April 25—English Cup Final, Wembley.
GOLF—April 20-24—English Amateur Championship.
April 25 and 26—Professional Tournament, Torquay.
April 27—Army Championship, Sandwich.
RACING—April 23—Two Thousand Guineas.

LORD ABERDARE AND RACQUETS TITLE.

EASY VICTORY.

London, March 30.

In the semi-finals of the British Amateur Racquets Championships played on Saturday:

1. Akers-Douglas (last year's runner-up) beat Crawley (champion 1929) 14-17, 15-11, 15-5, 4-15, 15-12; and Lord Aberdare beat Simpson 11-15, 15-9, 15-9, 15-13. In the final played to-day, Lord Aberdare beat Douglas 15-0, 15-7, 15-10.

"ALL-IN" WRESTLING NOT POPULAR.

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MODIFIED MURDER.

"All-in" wrestling is not a pleasant thing to watch. It had a huge vogue in Australia, South Africa, and North and South America, but it was not lasting. The general public in Britain has yet to see it as those countries saw it. It is not likely that they will see it.

The real thing was presented to National Sporting Club members at the London Sports Club recently and it has not popularised itself. The strangle, and gouging, hitting with the clenched fist, and a few other things at the discretion of the referee were barred, but it was still modified murder.

Atholl Oakley, a former amateur who distinguished himself at the Olympic Games, won the match and the stake money. In doing so, he did nothing that the all-in rules forbade, but still he cracked his fainting opponent's ribs, after causing him to groan with anguish.

For a man to dig his heels into a prostrate rival's face, or to squash his nose flat with both hands, doesn't look like any kind of sport, and onlookers said so that night. One or two raised a feeble cheer when Oakley was announced the winner, but this was drowned in a chorus of "No! No!"

What was seen should not be allowed to prejudice people against true catch-as-can, or Lancashire wrestling. It has been practised in Britain for centuries as a sport. A sport it remains, and one most exciting, with action in almost every second, without resort to any of the tactics thought necessary to popularise wrestling abroad.

TRAINING FOR THE ENGLISH CUP.

EGGS NO GOOD.

Exeter City, the "surprise team" of this season's F.A. Cup competition, who defeated First Division sides in Derby County and Leeds United, and made a draw with Sunderland, did not eat any eggs during Cup training.

"They are no good for Cup-tie work," said Ted Jones, the trainer. "We eat a lot of fish, however."

KING GUSTAV AT LAWN TENNIS.

TIED MATCH.

Paris, April 10.
King Gustav of Sweden and Henri Cochet, the well known Frenchman, played Christian-Boussus of France and William Landry of the United States in a tied match in doubles to-day.

The deciding set will be played off on Monday.—United Press.

BETTY NUTHALL IS DEFEATED.

VARIABLE FORM.

London, March 28.
In the first Hard Courts Tournament of the season, Mrs. Fearnley-Whittingstall (Miss Ellen Bennett), beat Betty Nuthall 6-3, 6-2. Betty's variable form is subject to much speculation in the coming season, particularly as the Wightman Cup is to be played at Forest Hills, commencing August 7.

KID BERG CONTINUES TRIUMPHANTLY.

POINTS DECISION.

Detroit, April 10.
Jack Kid Berg, of Britain, retained his junior welterweight title to-night by winning a decision over Billy Wallace, of Cleveland, in a ten-round bout. Berg's aggressive, fast style kept Wallace on the defensive throughout. Berg weighed 133 lbs. and Wallace 137 lbs.—United Press.

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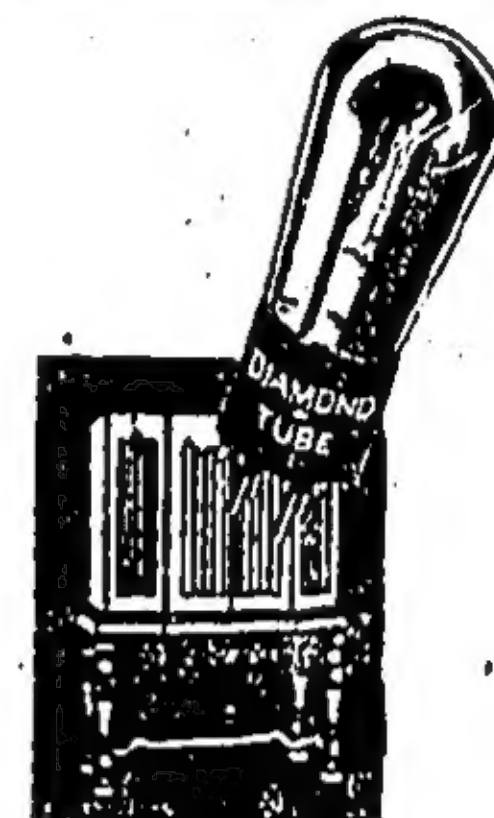
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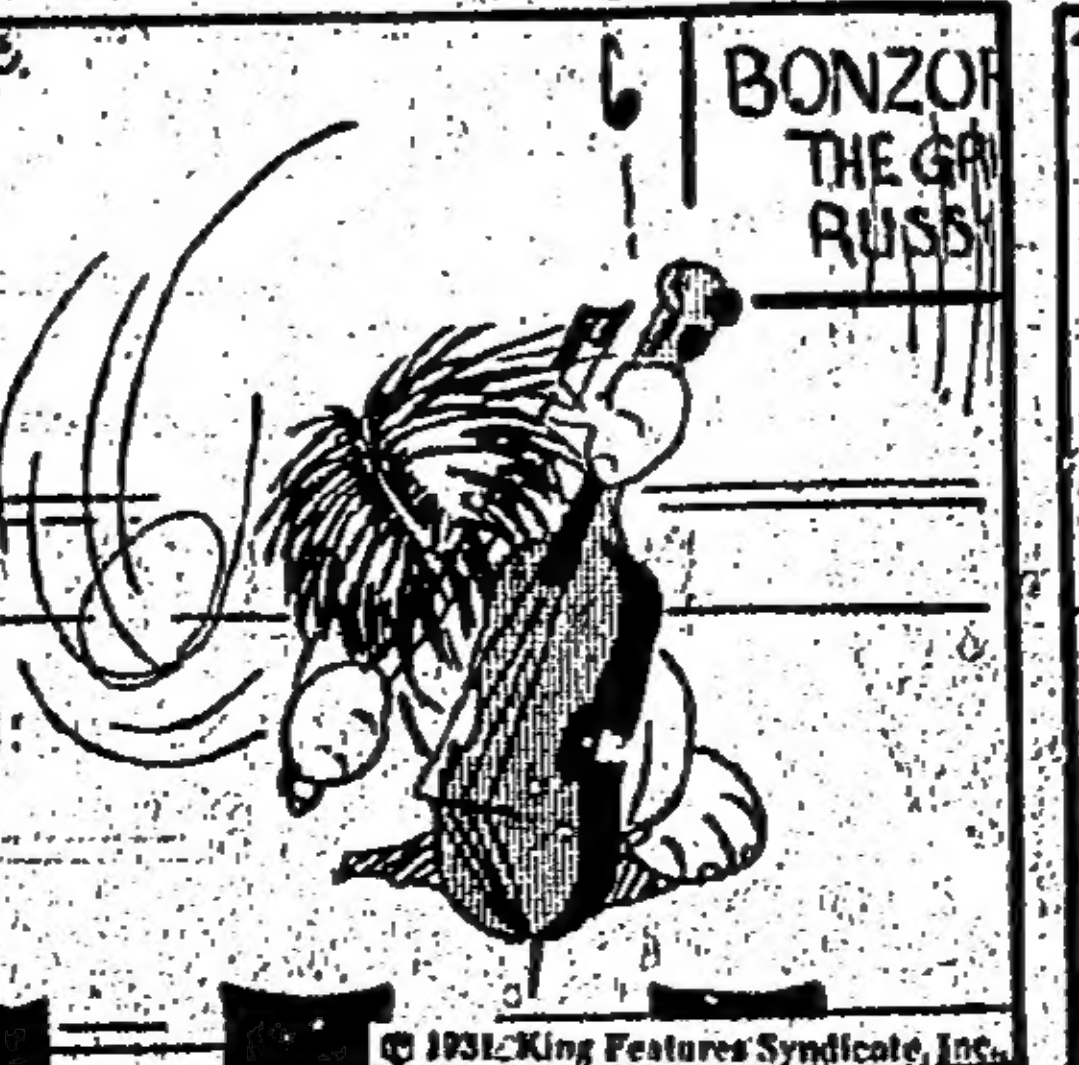
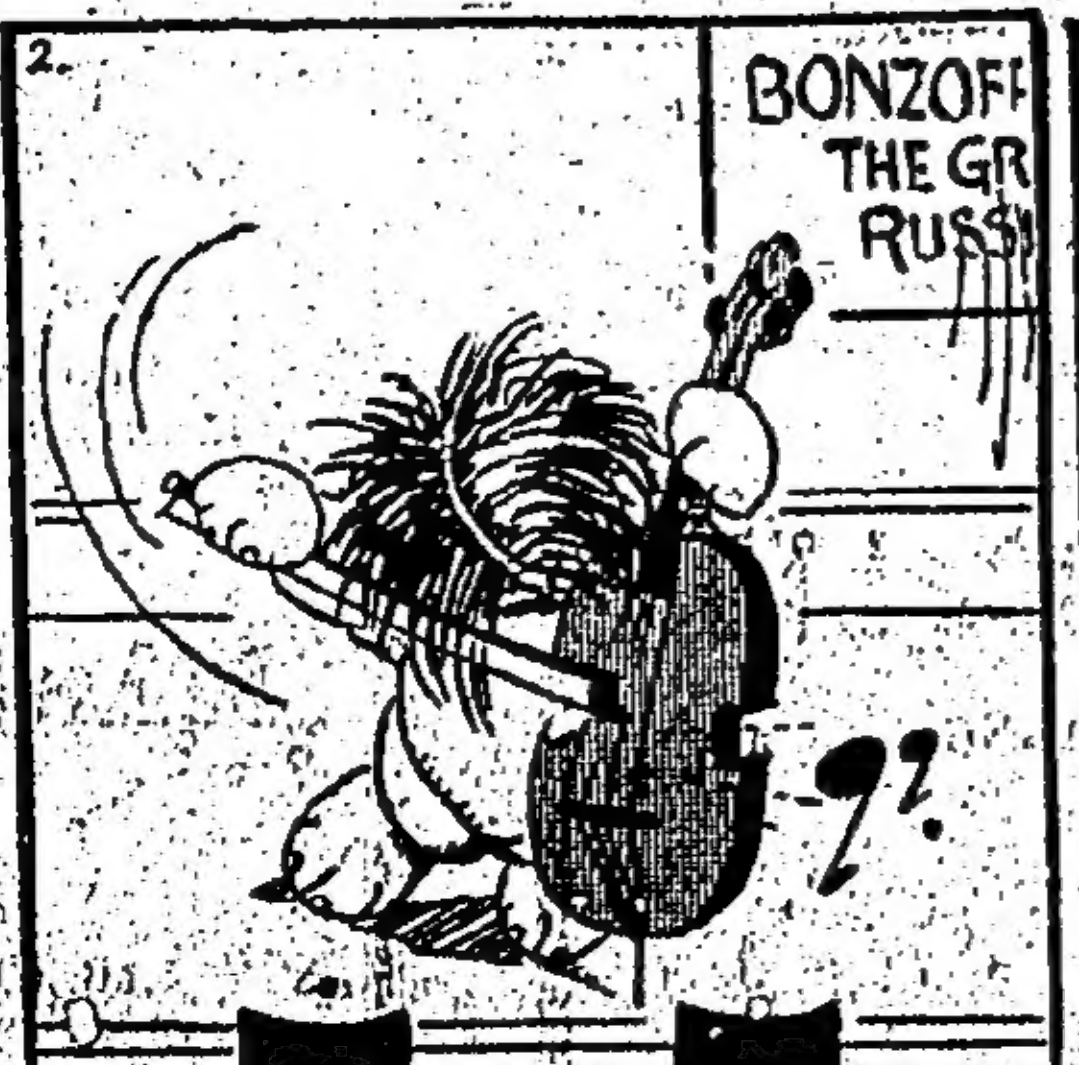
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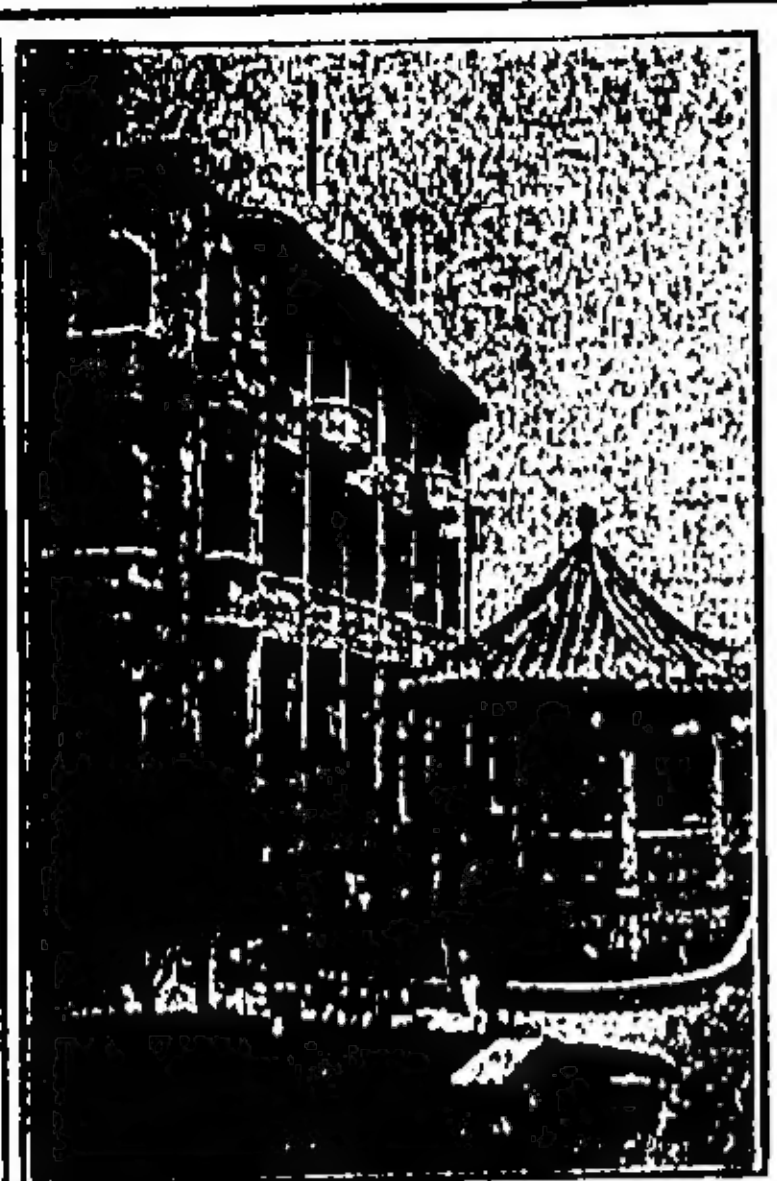


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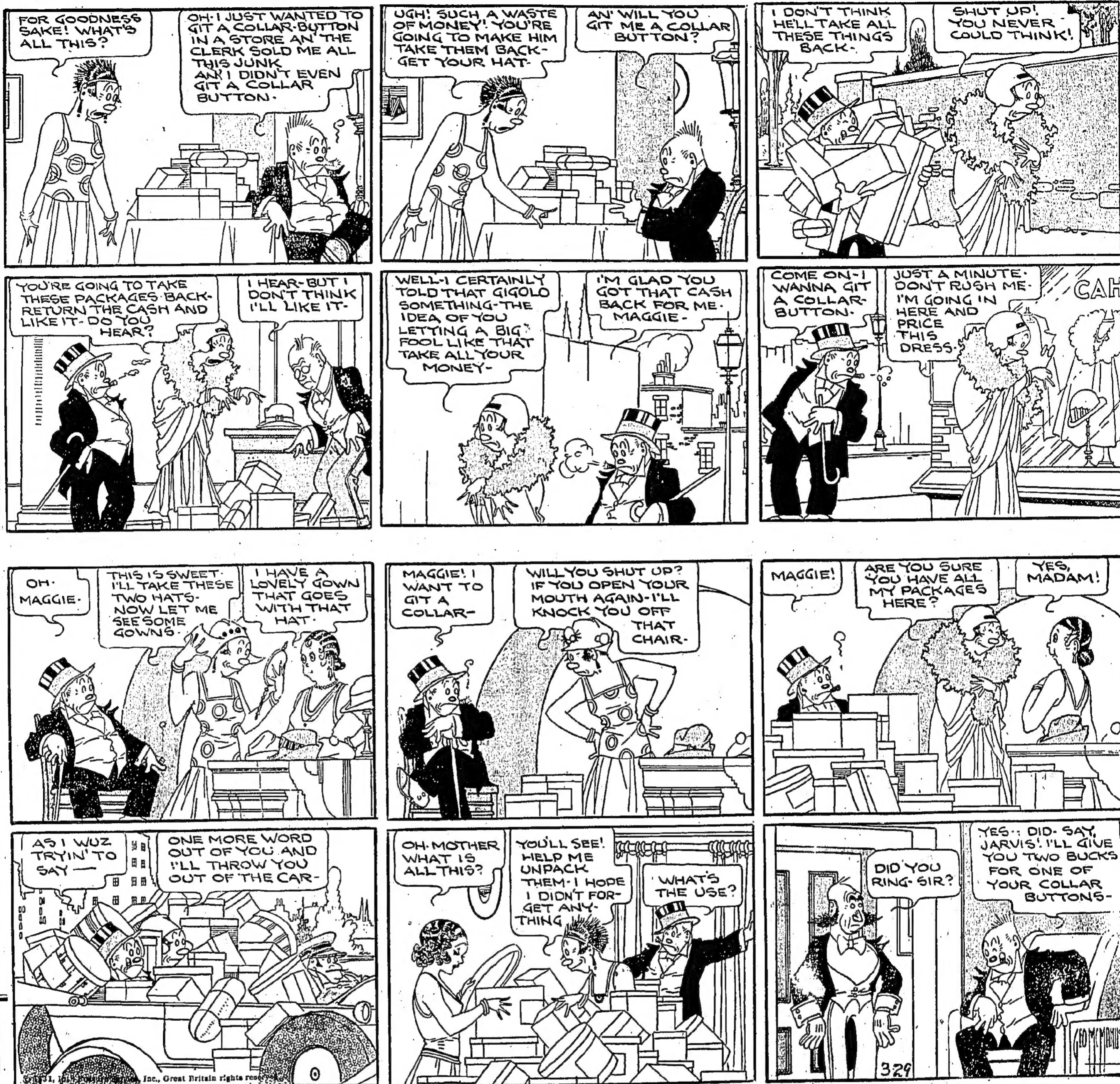
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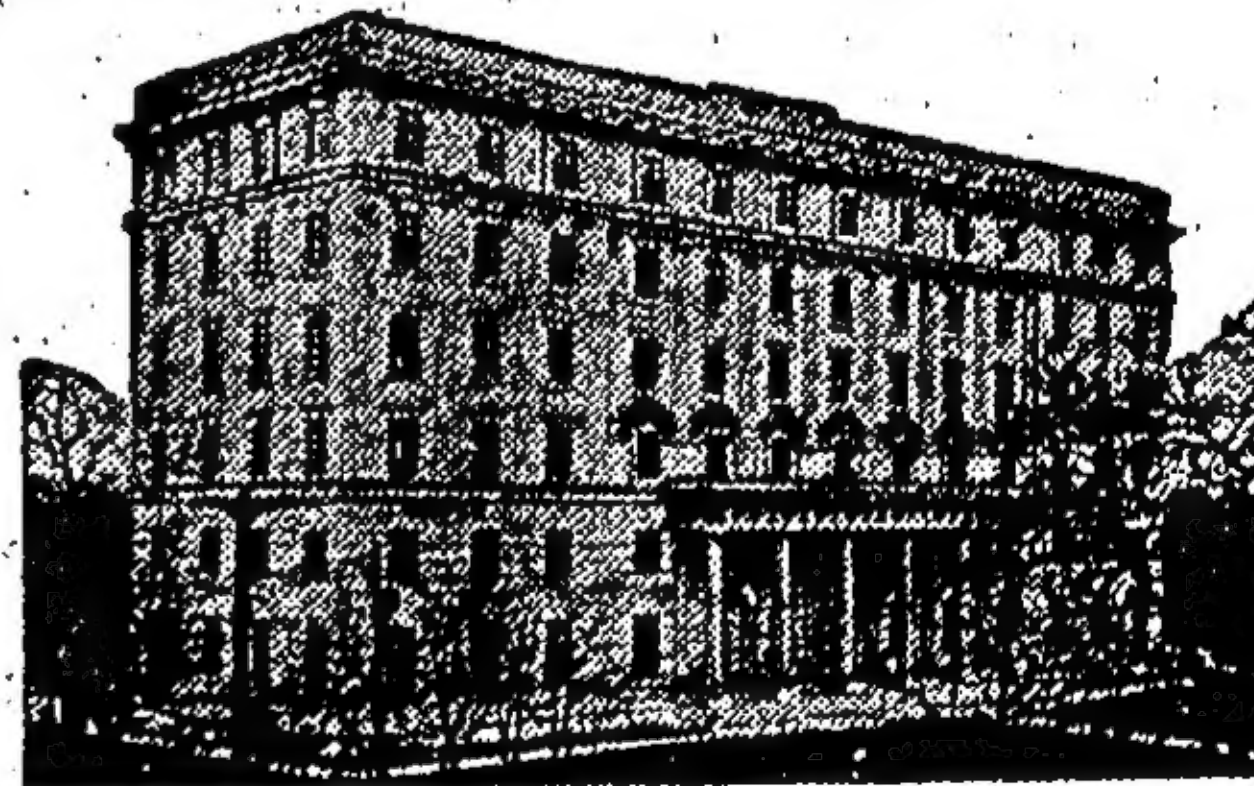
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PRISONER'S FATE.

FUTILE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE
FROM JAIL.

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Coroner's jury who sat with Mr. E. H. Williams yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest on Cho Wai, alias Fung Cheung, a life-term prisoner of Victoria Jail who met his death on Thursday night when he fell from the roof of the jail building when making an attempt to escape.

The man who saw the prisoner's fall to death was an Indian warder who said that at about 9.30 p.m. on Thursday he was patrolling the vicinity of "E" Hall, situated at the corner of Arbuthnot Road and Chancery Lane when he saw a man hanging from the roof. He drew his revolver and shouted in Cantonese to the man not to move. Just at that moment the man fell on to the corner of a small projecting roof on the first floor and then toppled over to the ground floor, striking the ground about two yards from where the witness was standing. The man, moved his head and then lay motionless.

Chief Warder McLeod, who conducted the proceedings, informed the Court that finger marks were found on the wall showing how the man had scrambled up with the aid of the ventilation holes.

The Chief Warder remarked that the rope (which was fastened to a ventilation louver, 15 feet from the edge of the roof) was about three or four feet from the top of a water pipe, making it just possible for the man to reach it. He could have stepped on to the pipe and then climbed down.

Foreman of the Jury: Even then he would have landed in the yard?

Coroner: Yes.

Foreman of the Jury: Does that roof lead to the outside world?

Chief Warder McLeod explained that there was a temporary roof about twenty feet from the top of the wall which led into Chancery Lane and with the present building operations being carried out there, if the prisoner had got into the yard proper he could have walked over the wall if nobody had seen him.

The prisoner was sentenced on two counts, (intimidation and sending a threatening letter), on November 19, 1923, by the late Chief Justice Sir Henry Gompertz. On the first count he was given three years' hard labour and twenty years on the second, the sentences being concurrent.

MOURNER'S PLIGHT.

"CORPSE" THAT WAS ONLY
SLUMBERING.

Pedestrians in a Paris street one day not long ago were surprised to see an apparently dead man lying on a bench. The effect was enhanced by the fact that a wreath dangled from the supposedly deceased man's feet while on his chest was pinned a sheet of paper with the words "Pray for me."

On the arrival of the police, however, the "corpse" was found merely to be heavily slumbering, and was taken to the police station, where he revived. He then explained that he had been on the way to a funeral, but meeting some friends had stopped in a bar to console himself, until it was too late to go to the burial, by which time he was not in a state to do anything but lie down.

ALFONSO'S PLANS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

are Royal nominees ineligible to join the Constituent Assembly, which will be elected on national suffrage.

Provincial Governors Sacked.
The Civil Governors of all the provinces have been summarily dismissed by official decree. Fresh Governors have been appointed.

All officers and soldiers under arrest have been liberated, "to mark the advent of the revolution."

Status of the Church.

London, Yesterday.
A report that the new Spanish Government had renounced the State Catholic religion which was given prominence yesterday evening is not confirmed in a report from Madrid, which says that while a decree relating to freedom of worship has been prepared, and another decree will provide for secularisation of cemeteries, competent observers are of opinion that the Government hitherto has not made any move in the direction of disestablishment, and can hardly do so without seriously undermining its position.

The Minister of Justice yesterday received a deputation from the Chapter of Madrid Cathedral. This is interpreted as meaning its recognition of the present regime.

It is reported from Barcelona that a declaration is being published on behalf of various Catholic bodies stating that they are prepared to accept the new regime. The declaration ends, "God save the Republic."

The police have been strictly ordered to prevent any demonstrations against the Church.

Centre of Attraction.

Paris, Yesterday.
It was three o'clock in the morning before Alfonso was abed at his hotel, after one of the most tiring days of his life.

He sat up late discussing events with Queen Ena, who is noticeably more cheerful since the King arrived.

Alfonso rose in the morning evidently refreshed, and ate a hearty breakfast. The Queen of the Belgians called to see him at ten o'clock, and caught the train at eleven for Brussels.

The Prince of Asturias is still abed, but is better.

Around this royal domestic drama the hotel throbs with excitement, the hall being packed with journalists. Outside stand film camera men ready to "shoot." Crowds outside gaze at the windows of the Royal suite.

The visitors' book is being signed all day long by distinguished sympathisers. One old lady wrote, "Louise Tholey and Countess Jean de Belleville, condemned to death by the Germans in 1915. Saved by the intervention of the King of Spain."

Queen's Ordeal.

Madrid, Yesterday.
An eyewitness has told Reuter the story of Queen Ena's last terrible night in Spain spent in an almost deserted palace accompanied only by her children, the Duchess of San Carlos, the ladies in waiting and twelve halberdiers—faithful old retainers who refused to desert their posts, although they would have been little real help in case of trouble, for they were practically unarmed.

Outside the walls of the palace, clearly visible from the royal apartments, a mob surged to and fro, the men wearing red caps and waving red flags and torches, shouting insults and clamouring for admission.

To the pathetic group of watchers at the palace windows it must have seemed as if the frightful

RIOT IN EGYPT.

13 POLICEMEN SLIGHTLY
INJURED.

TRAIN STONED.

Cairo, Yesterday.
One demonstrator was killed, three were wounded and seven were otherwise injured, while thirteen policemen were slightly wounded, in a riot at Dekerness, in Upper Egypt.

A train bearing a number of notable persons bound for Mansura to attend a reception in honour of the Prime Minister was stopped and stoned by a mob, and the passengers were forced to alight. Police reinforcements were summoned, but meanwhile the crowd detached the engine and blocked the line.

The police were greeted with a volley of stones, and fired on and dispersed the demonstrators.—Reuter.

COLONEL SENT TO JAIL.

Colonel James Harvey Brown, D.S.O., aged fifty-one, who came up for judgment at the Old Bailey having been found guilty of fraudulently converting to his own use £250 alleged to have been received by him on behalf of the International Brick Company, of which he was promoter and director, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

Colonel Brown, a Canadian by birth, had a distinguished war record. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his part in the operations against Bagdad, and the O.B.E. for services in the Caucasus.

The Common Sergeant, Sir Henry Dickens, K.C., said that he had the most unpleasant duty a judge had to do—to sentence a man who, up to a certain period, had a brilliant career.

"Colonel Brown," said Sir Henry, "was not truthful in regard to the charge. He lied. I can forgive a good deal, but lying necessarily has the effect of destroying any sympathy a judge may have."

"The fraudulent conversion of £250 was done with premeditation."

IS YOUR NAME HERE?

Mail has been received at the American Consulate-General for the following persons:

W. O. Arnold, L. Bruce, W. W. Cadbury, P. Dry, L. H. Garlington, T. F. Haskell, D. G. Hosp, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, D. Kanley, G. H. Koster, H. A. Lane, G. S. McPherson, A. M. Martin, I. C. Moller, C. B. Olivarius, Miss R. Pressinger, O. Sika, Mrs. H. Stark, Mrs. S. E. Stauffer, H. H. Winburg.

scenes of the French revolution must be re-enacted. The Queen mastered her emotion and sought to console the women weeping and trembling round her.

At length, dawn broke, after a sleepless vigil.

How near tragedy came is revealed in the fact that an attempt was actually made to force the iron gates by means of a heavy lorry.

Refugees at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.
Spanish grandees and monarchists of lesser degrees are crowding for Gibraltar, and the hotels here are full of fugitives, including General Jordana, the Spanish High Commissioner to Morocco, whose resignation was announced at Madrid.

After receipt of the news, the native guard at his offices in Tetuan fired on Republican demonstrators.—Reuter.

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